

## Senate Standing Committee on Economics

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

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Question No: SBT 630 - 632

Topic: Carbon Tax – Tourism Sector

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Senator Bushby asked:

630. Has Treasury done any modelling of the impact of the carbon tax on the Tourism Sector?
- a) If yes what will be the impact of the carbon tax on the tourism sector?
- i) Has this been broken down into the impact on consumption and discretionary spending Vs the impact for businesses? Could you please provide this analysis?
- b) If no, why not?
631. Has information on the impact of the carbon tax been shared with any officials from the Department of Resources Energy and Tourism or Tourism Australia?
632. Has Treasury received any requests from Tourism Research Australia, The Department of Resources Energy and Tourism to model the impact of the carbon tax on the tourism sector?

Answer:

630. The Treasury modelling for the *Strong growth, low pollution: modelling a carbon price* (SGLP) report included the impact of a carbon price on tourism-related sectors including accommodation and hotels, road passenger transport, rail passenger transport, air transport and trade services. Under carbon pricing, these tourism-related sectors continue to grow.
631. Officials from the Department of Resources Energy and Tourism were involved in an interdepartmental consultation process during the development of the modelling. The information on the impact of the carbon price referred to in the answer to SBT 630 is publically available at <http://www.treasury.gov.au/carbonpricemodelling/content/default.asp>.
632. The Treasury has not received any requests from Tourism Research Australia or the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism to model the impact of carbon pricing on the tourism sector.