SENATE RURAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

BUDGET ESTIMATES, 25, 26 MAY 2005 - ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Management Services Division

Question: MS 01

Topic: Department and Biosecurity output

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Senator O'Brien asked:

So the output of the department and Biosecurity together is represented by that \$312-odd million, and for the coming financial year the output of the department and Biosecurity together seems to me to be the combination of the department's output and Biosecurity's output.

Mr Pahl—That is true.

Mr Gaukroger—That is correct.

Senator O'BRIEN—Which is \$327 million.

Mr Pahl—Yes.

Senator O'BRIEN—So, comparing like with like, there has actually been an increase in the funding of the departmental Biosecurity output from \$312 million to \$327 million—an increase of \$15 million. Has a substantial part of that been going into Biosecurity Australia or has it been going into other parts of the department?

Answer:

The relevant information was supplied to the Committee Secretariat on the day of the hearing.

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Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Management Services Division

Question: MS 02

Topic: Revenue from sources other than 'goods and services'

Hansard Page: p10

Senator O'Brien asked:

What about the revenue from other sources? It keeps going up. It was 6.8 in the budget last year, it is revised to 9.8 and you are estimating 10.025.

Answer:

Please see the information provided in answer to question MS 01, which was supplied to the Committee Secretariat on the day of the hearing.

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Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Management Services Division

Question: MS 03

Topic: Revenue from other sources

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Senator O'Brien asked:

"Is it possible to get a more in-depth explanation of the way that the revenue has been calculated, attributing the other sources individually? It says 'revenue from other sources'. I would like a breakdown of what is involved."

Answer:

Revenue from other sources as disclosed in the 2005-06 Portfolio Budget Statement includes industry contributions to the Australian Plague Locust Commission, Australian Fisheries Management Authority and National Residue Survey (\$1.6 million in 2004-05 and \$1.7 million in 2005-06) and other non tax revenue items totalling \$8.3 million in 2004-05 and 2005-06 (including sub-lease of premises or sale of fitout, contributions to vehicles or housing by departmental officers and resources received free of charge such as audit services or services provided to the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service in airports). In the past the revenue from the seizure of illegal fishing vessels and catches has also been included.

The estimates for these items is based on advice from DAFF Division line areas about expected levels of activity for the year and having regard to prior year outcomes. As per the disclosures in the 2005-06 Portfolio Budget Statement the budget estimate for 2005-06 is consistent with the estimated outcome for 2004-05 across all of these categories.

The balance of revenue derived from the National Residue Survey testing programme on a fee for service basis is included under the sale of goods and services.