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The Honourable Rosemary Armitage MLC
Chair
Legislative Council
Estimates Committee 'B'

By email: Julie.thompson@parliament.tas.gov.au

Dear Ms Armitage

APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 2026

Thank you for your letter dated 3 June 2026, requesting additional information following examination of my portfolio by the Legislative Council Select Budget Estimates Committee 'B'. Please find the requested information below for noting.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE GROWTH

Overview

- 1. Please provide details of external consultants used in 2025/26 including any still underway and the costs associated.**

For a breakdown of contacts and consultancies, see attachment 1

Output Group 1 – Industry and Business Growth **Output 1.1 – Office of the Coordinator General**

- 1. How much has the office spent on overseas travel?**

As at 31 March 2026, the Office of the Coordinator General spent \$12,121.20 on overseas travel in 2025-26. Costs were for flights and accommodation for one OCG representative on a Trade and Investment Mission. Note, costs of approximately \$7,981.00 are not included as they were paid from the Trade budget as part of Trade portfolio travel the OCG participated in.

Can you provide a list of the hotels/motels that have been booked on overseas and interstate travel for the last financial year, including the length of stay, number of guests, and reason for the trip?

Interstate – as at 31 March 2026

Quest Apartments Orange	2 nights	1 pax	Agritourism Summit – Orange
Novotel Darwin CBD	3 nights	1 pax	Ministerial Council for Trade and Investment Meeting – Darwin
Park Hyatt Melbourne	2 nights	1 pax	Small Business Summit – Melbourne
Hyde Melbourne Place	3 nights	1 pax	Government Land Organisation Conference – Melbourne
Rydges Sydney Airport	1 night	2 pax	Trade and Investment Mission – South Korea and Japan
Mantra on Jolimont Melbourne	2 nights	1 pax	Climate Investor Forum – Melbourne
Rydges South Bank Brisbane	3 nights	1 pax	Engaging in China Workshop – Brisbane

International – as at 31 March 2026

Grand Hyatt Seoul	3 nights	1 pax	Trade and Investment Mission – South Korea, and Japan
	2 nights	1 pax	
ANA Intercontinental Tokyo	3 nights	2 pax	Trade and Investment Mission – South Korea and Japan
The Westin Beijing Financial Street	3 nights	2 pax	Investor meetings following the Trade and Investment Mission – South Korea and Japan
JW Marriott Hotel Zhengzhou	1 night	2 pax	Investor meetings following the Trade and Investment Mission – South Korea and Japan

Reasons for Booking the Accommodation

Accommodation for international travel is selected through established processes, often coordinated centrally and informed by in-market advice, based on defined criteria including value for money, proximity to key activities, safety, and program requirements.

In many cases, accommodation is arranged through a centralised trade booking function separate from the OCG. This function draws on advice from organisations such as Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Austrade and other in-market partners to ensure accommodation choices are appropriate, cost-effective and aligned with mission objectives.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Felix Ellis'.

Felix Ellis MP

Minister for Business, Industry and Resources

12/6/2026

TABLE A: Contracts (excl. Consultancies) over \$50,000.00

A total of 3 contracts (excl. consultancies) over \$50,000 were awarded for the Business, Industry and Resources portfolio between 1 July 2025 and 9 June 2026 to a total value of **\$281,035.00**.

Contract No.	Contract Title	Contractor	Contract Period	Contract Value (excl. GST)	State for Reporting	Direct Sourcing reason (where used)	Business Unit
4138	Regional Economic Data and Impact Assessment Tools Subscription	ID Consulting Pty Ltd	08/12/2025 - 07/12/2026	\$71,735.00	Victoria	N/A	Business, Industry and Investment
	Contract Description: The supply of Software as a Service platform described as 'Economy.ID' to the Department which provides access to economic data and tools relevant to Tasmania						
4224	AMDI and MIPT - Communications, engagement and events assistance	Laura Banks	13/02/2026 - 30/06/2027	\$66,300.00	Tasmania	N/A	Advanced Manufacturing and Defence Industries
	Contract Description: To develop and deliver community and stakeholder engagement services for the Major Industries Project Team and provide event co-ordination and management services for the Advanced Manufacturing and Defence Industries Team.						
4221	Land Forces 2026 - Defence Tasmania Exhibition Stand	Elite Projex Pty Ltd	16/04/2026- 31/10/2026	\$143,000.00	Tasmania	N/A	Advanced Manufacturing and Defence Industries
	Contract Description: The design, construction, installation and decommissioning of a Defence Tasmania branded exhibition stand at Land Forces International Land Defence Exposition 2026						

The above data reflects information from the Tenders website. Contracts below \$50 000 are not required to be reported on the Tenders website.

TABLE B: Consultancies- over \$50,000.00

A total of 12 consultancies over \$50,000 were awarded for the Business, Industry and Resources portfolio between 1 July 2025 and 9 June 2026 to a total value of **\$1,623,360.00**.

Contract No.	Contract Title	Consultant	Contract Period	Contract Value (excl. GST)	State for Reporting	Direct Sourcing reason (where used)	Business Unit
NR-1875	Core Library Optimisation Plan	Resonance Consulting Pty Ltd	02/06/2025 - 01/09/2025	\$55,620.00	Tasmania	N/A	Mineral Resources Tasmania
	Contract Description: The provision of expert advice to support Mineral Resources Tasmania's proposed move to an alternate site.						
4111	Nyrstar Hobart - Analysis and Advice - Deloitte	Deloitte SRT Pty Ltd	07/08/2025 - 04/09/2025	\$75,000.00	Tasmania	N/A	Business, Industry and Investment
	Contract Description: The provision of an independent business review in relation to Nyrstar Hobart.						
4103	Liberty Bell Bay - Analysis and Advice - Deloitte	Deloitte SRT Pty Ltd	25/06/2025 - 16/07/2025	\$95,000.00	Tasmania	N/A	Business, Industry and Investment
	Contract Description: The provision of an independent business review in relation to Liberty Bell Bay.						
4161	Executive Search Services - Tasmanian Development Board	Watermark Search International Pty Limited	14/10/2025 - 30/04/2026	\$85,000.00	New South Wales	N/A	Boards and Governance
	Contract Description: To undertake specialist board search discovery services to deliver a comprehensive search and assessment process to identify suitable candidates for one (1) Chair and two (2) Non-Executive Directors for the Tasmanian Development Board						

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4171	Stadiums Tasmania - Delivery of Recruitment Services	Watermark Search International Pty Limited	06/11/2025 - 30/04/2026	\$87,000.00	New South Wales	N/A	Business Services
	Contract Description: To undertake specialist board search discovery services to deliver a comprehensive search and assessment process to identify suitable candidates (being one Chair and two Non-Executive Directors) for the Stadiums Tasmania Board						
4167	Updated comprehensive economic analysis of the value of the Tasmanian defence and national security sectors	SGS Economics and Planning Pty Ltd	14/11/2025 - 28/02/2026	\$64,010.00	Tasmania	N/A	Advanced Manufacturing and Defence Industries
	Contract Description: To undertake and deliver an update to the comprehensive economic analysis of the value of the Tasmanian defence and national security sectors.						
4173	Audit of all Tasmanian State and Local Government Licences, Permits and Approvals	Stenning & Associates Pty. Ltd.	17/11/2025 - 30/04/2026	\$99,270.00	Tasmania	N/A	Small Business
	Contract Description: To undertake an audit of all Tasmanian State and Local Government licences, permits and approvals, benchmarked against other jurisdictions to identify areas that could be streamlined, simplified or removed.						
4143	Liberty Bell Bay - Ongoing Monitoring - Deloitte	Deloitte SRT Pty Ltd	16/09/2025 - 16/09/2026	\$150,000.00	Tasmania	TI-2.18.3. Additional services from original Supplier for technical reasons.	Business, Industry and Investment
	Contract Description: The provision of services for the ongoing monitoring of loan conditions and the analysis of loan reporting associated with Liberty Bell Bay.						
4152	Boyer Paper Mill - Analysis and Advice	Deloitte SRT Pty Ltd	10/10/2025 - 31/10/2025	\$75,000.00	Tasmania	N/A	Business, Industry and Investment
	Contract Description: The provision of an independent business review in relation to Boyer Paper Mill.						

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4190	Homes Tasmania Board - Director Search Services for two Non-Executive Directors	The Orchard Talent Group Pty Ltd	09/12/2025 - 15/07/2026	- \$60,000.00	Tasmania	N/A	Business Services
Contract Description: The supply of specialist board search discovery services to undertake a comprehensive search and assessment process to identify suitable candidates for two Non-Executive Directors for the Homes Tasmania Board.							
4120	Feasibility Study – Critical Minerals Common User Processing Facility	KPMG	04/02/2026 - 15/05/2026	- \$319,460.00	Tasmania		ReCFIT
Contract Description: To undertake an assessment of the feasibility of a Common User Processing Facility for critical minerals in Tasmania, supporting national and state strategies to boost domestic production and processing.							
4148	Supply of Professional Services for the Management of Building Maintenance	Johnstone McGee and Gandy Pty Ltd ATF the Johnstone McGee & Gandy Unit Trust	19/04/2026 - 19/04/2031	- \$458,000.00	Tasmania	N/A	Business Services
Contract Description: To supply professional services to monitor and manage the delivery of statutory, preventative and corrective building maintenance works and services for properties of the Department of State Growth.							

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In addition to the above information, it is noted that the Acting Coordinator General, Mr Dennis Hendriks, provided details in Legislative Council Estimates Committee B on 3 June 2026 regarding expenditure on contractors and consultants by the Office of the Coordinator General within the 2025-26 financial year, which totalled **\$161,785.28 (incl. GST)**. This information included invoices paid in relation to contracts entered into prior to 1 July 2025.