



AUSTRALIA-CHINA COUNCIL

2005-2006 ANNUAL REPORT



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17 November 2006

The Honourable Alexander Downer MP Minister for Foreign Affairs Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister

On behalf of the board of the Australia-China Council, I am pleased to submit the Council's annual report for the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.

Yours sincerely

John Yu AC

Chair

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Australia's relationship with China was strengthened further in 2005-06 by Premier Wen Jiabao's visit to Australia in April 2006 and by Prime Minister Howard's visit to China in June. During Premier Wen's visit, government-to-government agreements and Memoranda of Understanding were signed across a wide range of fields including technology, the service industries, occupational health and safety, agricultural technical cooperation, and agricultural market access.

In addition to trade, bilateral exchanges in education, the arts, human rights and academic scholarship have also expanded, including the continuation of the Human Rights Dialogue between Australia and China. These areas, which deepen the mutual understanding and trust between our countries, are the primary focus for the Council.

The Council continues to support a range of youth oriented programmes and projects in 2005-06, including 19 scholarships to China and the National Speech (Hanyuqiao) Competition for year 10 and 11 students throughout Australia.

Thirteen Residencies and the ACC Asialink Arts Fellowship were offered in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan during the 2005-06 financial year, with projects ranging from the visual and performing arts to academic research and scholarship.

The Council continued its support of Australian Studies in Chinese Universities which significantly broadens and deepens the understanding of Australia among young future Chinese leaders.

In September 2006, after nine years of service, I shall be retiring from the Council. Professor Mark Wainwright AM will be taking over the role of Chairman and I am sure that his long standing experience of and interest in Asia, especially in the field of Tertiary education and Engineering, will serve the Council well.

I would like to thank current and past Council members for their many contributions. Their skills and dedication have made it possible to achieve a great deal. Of course this would not have been possible without the very committed and professional help Council has enjoyed from the Council Secretariat.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank the many other officers in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Australia's Embassy in Beijing; Consulates-General in Shanghai, Guangzhou and Hong Kong; and the Australian Commerce and Industry Office in Taipei for their support. Australia is well served by them.

John Yu AC Chair

COUNCIL OVERVIEW



The Australia-China Council (ACC) was established by an Executive Council Order in 1978 and reports to the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The Order-In-Council outlines the ACC's purpose and functions (Appendix C). The ACC's aims and objectives were restated in the 2006-09 Strategic Plan adopted by the Council in May 2006 (Appendix B).

Australia-China Council Mission Statement & Key Objectives

To broaden and deepen relations between Australia and China by:

- fostering in Australia a greater awareness and understanding of China and fostering in China a greater awareness and understanding of Australia.
- developing and expanding the areas of contact and exchange between Australia and China and their peoples.

Key Objectives are:

- To initiate, develop and support activities consistent with the achievement of the ACC's Mission Statement.
- To provide seed funding to projects which promise continuing benefits.
- To promote complementarities between the Council's different programme areas and avoid duplication of the activities of other institutions active in Australia-China relations.
- To maintain some flexibility to support initiatives brought to the Council by other bodies (Part 3: Funding Policy).
- To monitor, review and modify programs as necessary to meet Council objectives.
- To comply with all federal government financial requirements (Part 4: Financial Framework).

Membership

The 1978 Order-in-Council and subsequent amendments provide that the ACC shall consist of a Chair and no less than four other members. Members are appointed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs with the exception of the Chair, who is appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Council members are drawn from various sectors of the Australian community. Members are selected to ensure over time that the Council is broadly representative of the community and that it also reflects specific areas of expertise and experience relevant to the development of Australia-China relations.



The Chair of the Council may be appointed for up to five years and other members for terms of up to three years. Members may be re-appointed for additional terms. In order to lower administrative costs, Council membership has been reduced to the Chair and eight other members.

Members of the Australia-China Council as at 30 June 2006

Chair:

Dr John Yu AC, Deputy President of the Board of the Art Gallery of NSW in Sydney and Chair of VisAsia, a company promoting an interest in Asian Art Sydney Appointed as member for three years from 30 June 1997; appointed as Chair for three years from 11 October 2000 then re-appointed as Chair from 11 September 2003.

Deputy Chair:

Ms Dinah Dysart, visual arts writer, editor and curator, Sydney:

Appointed for three years from 4 February 1998 and re-appointed on 27 September 2001 and for a further three years from 30 September 2004.

Members:

Mr John Allen, Carlisle Partners Pty Ltd, Sydney:

Appointed for three years from 4 February 1998 and re-appointed on 27 September 2001 and for a further three years from 30 September 2004.

Mr David Ambrose, former Consul-General to Shanghai: Appointed for three years from 11 September 2003.

Professor John Fitzgerald, Asian Studies Program, La Trobe University, Melbourne: Appointed for three years from 16 February 2000, re-appointed on 6 March 2003 and re-appointed for a further three years from 6 March 2006.

Ms Peggy Lau Flux, former Corporate Banker, Company Director, Adelaide: Appointed for three years from 11 October 2000 and re-appointed for three years from 11 September 2003.

Ms Suzanne Greenwood, Senior Corporate Lawyer, Brisbane: Appointed for three years from 9 September 2004.

Professor Kam Louie, Dean of Arts, Hong Kong University:

Appointed for three years from 27 September 2001 and re-appointed for a further three years from 30 September 2004.

Dr Claire Roberts, Senior Curator, Asian Decorative Arts and Design,

Powerhouse Museum, Sydney:

Appointed for three years from 6 March 2006.

Dr Geoff Raby, Deputy Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra: Ex-officio member.

Resignations



Mr Charles Goode, Chairman of the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd and Woodside Petroleum Ltd, Melbourne:

Appointed for three years from 8 September 2004. Retired 1 January 2006.

Programmes and Programme Coordinators

In 2005-6 the Council had the following programmes and programme coordinators:

Youth Exchange

Co-ordinators: Mr John Allen and Ms Dinah Dysart

- · Young Business Scholars in China
- · Year in China
- China Experience

Australian Studies in China

Co-ordinators: Professors John Fitzgerald and Kam Louie

- Competitive Projects Funding
- Output Awards for Australian Studies Centres
- · Book Gifts for the Shanghai and Beijing Foreign Studies University Libraries
- Book Prizes

Residencies & Awards

Co-ordinators: Ms Dinah Dysart and Ms Peggy Lau Flux

- · Residencies in Beijing and Hong Kong
- Taipei Residency and Exchange
- · Accommodation Subsidies
- Australia-China Council Arts Fellowship

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General Funding Grants

Co-ordinators: Ms Dinah Dysart and Mr David Ambrose, with input from other members on all large grants and on a case by case basis for small grants.

Special Projects

Co-ordinator: Dr John Yu

Audit Committee:

Mr John Allen, Ms Suzanne Greenwood

Australia-China Council Secretariat

The ACC Secretariat is part of the East Asia Branch of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The Secretariat implements Council decisions and administers Council programmes, funding and activities. The Secretariat liaises closely with other parts of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; the Australian Embassy in Beijing; the Consulates-General in Shanghai, Guangzhou and Hong Kong; and the Australian Commerce and Industry Office in Taipei.

At 30 June 2006 the Secretariat consisted of:

Ms Eleanor Flowers, Manager, February 2004 –

Ms Natasha Reardon, Project Officer, May 2005 –

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REPORT ON PERFORMANCE



Introduction

The Australia-China Council (ACC) is funded through the Australian Government's International Relations Grants Programme (formerly Discretionary Grants Programme). The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade administers the Council's funds and reports on the administration of these funds in its annual report.

The ACC has published annual reports since its establishment in 1978. The requirement for annual reporting was formalised in an amendment to the Council's *Orders in Council* in 2004.

The Council's achievements are measured against the one outcome and three outputs noted in this section.

The Outcome is:

Advancement of Australia's national interests through the promotion of mutual understanding between Australia and China, and broadening and deepening areas of contact and exchange.

The Outputs are discussed in relation to the various programmes run by the Council. As many of the programmes and activities contribute to more than one output, these have not been financially quantified. All expenditure is listed in the Financial Statement at Appendix A.

The objectives and strategies for each of the Council's programmes are outlined in the Strategic Plan at Appendix B.



OUTCOME

Australia's national interests advanced through the promotion of mutual understanding between Australia & China, and broadening and deepening areas of contact and exchange.

Effectiveness Indicators

- Positive contribution to the bilateral relationship
- Closer people-to-people links
- Productive interaction in designated areas

| Output 1 | Output 2 | Output 3 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Promote in China | Foster China knowledge | Broaden and deepen |
| understanding about | and skills in Australia. | areas of bilateral |
| Australia and its society, | | contact and exchange, |
| traditions and capabilities. | | particularly in areas |
| | | demonstrating Australian |
| | | expertise. |
| | | |

OUTPUT ONE



Promote in China an understanding about Australia and its society, traditions and capabilities

The Australian Studies programme is the Council's main vehicle for Output One. A report on Australian Studies programmes and projects during 2005-06 is followed by reports on activities under other Council programmes that also targeted this output.

AUSTRALIAN STUDIES PROGRAMME

Australian Studies Centres in Greater China are supported through the ACC's Australian Studies programme. A consortium of universities, headed by the Australian Studies Centre at the University of Queensland managed the programme through the reporting period.

Competitive Projects Funding

The 2005 Competitive Projects funding round attracted 46 applications. The applications covered a diverse range of Australian-related topics, including research and publishing on literature, science and sport. A list of successful 2005-06 Competitive Projects is provided at Appendix A.

Australian Studies Centre Output Awards

Over the past two decades, the Council has helped promote a strong network of Australian Studies Centres in Chinese tertiary institutions. The Council had previously assisted some of these centres with infrastructure funding. In 2005-06 the Council provided assistance through Output Awards with the level of funding determined primarily by the various Centres' research and publishing, teaching and professional and community activities over the previous academic year. In 2005-06, Australian Studies Centres in China:

- published more than 56 articles in academic journals;
- published 17 books;
- had over 76 academics researching and teaching Australian Studies;
- · taught more than 75 PhD/Masters Students writing Australian Studies theses; and
- taught more than 1426 university students doing courses in Australian Studies.



During the reporting period, the Council awarded eleven institutions a total of \$50,000 in Output Awards.

Australian Studies Conference

The Council supported the Tenth International Conference on Australian Studies hosted by Inner Mongolia University, from 2 to 4 July 2006. The theme of the conference was "Environment and Development".



Tenth International Conference on Australian Studies hosted by Inner Mongolia University.

Although the conference itself was held in the first few days of July, funding was provided in the 2005-6 financial year. A wide range of high quality papers were presented at the conference. This demonstrates the widening interest in academic study of Australia.

The conference concluded with a gala performance which highlighted the local culture.



Throat singers, Hohhot, Inner Mongolia.

Shanghai Library Australian Friendship Collection

The Council has continued its support of the Shanghai Library Australian Friendship Collection. The Collection was a special initiative of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Alexander Downer, and the Australian Consulate-General in Shanghai. It was opened in November 2002 to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Australia and the People's Republic of China. The Collection is also supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the ANZ Bank (Shanghai). The Council endeavours to maintain an up-to-date collection, not only of books but also of journals. These are available for loan to registered readers and the library is expected to become a key resource for Australian Studies in China. The library has over 60,000 visitors per week and the Council is confident that this Australian collection will provide information about Australia to a great number of general, as well as specialist, readers. A second collection is being established at the Beijing Foreign Studies University.

OTHER PROGRAMMES

A number of programmes and projects listed under Output Two and Output Three also contribute to Output One. In particular, the Council acknowledges the contributions of the ACC residency programme recipients to the promotion of understanding of Australia in China and also the students on the Council's youth exchange programmes.

Wagga Wagga display at the International Horticultural Exhibition in Kunming

In 1999, the Wagga Wagga Council constructed a display cottage reflecting Australian heritage, fauna and flora for the World Horticultural Exposition in its sister city, Kunming. The Exposite has since been turned into a permanent horticultural park. After six years and millions of visitors to the site, the cottage badly needed a programme of repairs. Wagga Wagga Council received a small grant towards the building's maintenance.

Strange Attractors: charm between art & science

The Council provided a grant for two Australian Artists, John Nicholson and Mari Velonaki to exhibit their works and give presentations at the Strange Attractors exhibition at the Zendai Museum of Modern Art in Shanghai. The Strange Attractors exhibition showcased the work of leading Australian artists who have been collaborating with scientists to produce innovative works.



OUTPUT TWO

Foster China knowledge and skills in Australia

The Youth Exchange programme is the Council's main vehicle for Output Two. A report on the Council's Youth Exchange programmes during 2005-06 is followed by reports on activities under other Council programmes also targeting this output.

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

Both the China Experience and Year in China programmes were contracted to Youth Development Australia Ltd in 2005-06. The Australia-China Council Secretariat managed the Young Business and Professional Scholars programme (YBPS), but has negotiated that the National Centre for Languages Training will take over the running of the programme from 2007. The YBPS programme in Taiwan is no longer offered.



 ${\it The \ Council \ with \ current \ and \ former \ YBPS \ and \ YIC \ awardees-Australian \ Embassy \ Beijing.}$

Young Business and Professional Scholars in China Programme

YBPS in China is a year-long programme designed to encourage university graduates who have both work experience and a high level of Mandarin language proficiency to develop a career in Australia-China business relations. Four Australian graduates were selected in 2005 as ACC Young Business Scholars in China. In January 2006, Mr Thomas Chase, Ms Megan Everest, Ms Colleen Stillman and Mr York Chen arrived in China and commenced a language refresher course followed by a semester of business studies at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing. All four candidates have been successful in obtaining suitable internships.

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Year in China Programme

This programme is a 'gap year' of study in China for year 12 graduates who have high level Chinese language skills and an outstanding level of overall achievement. This fully-funded scholarship provides a number of exceptional secondary school graduates with an opportunity to strongly develop their China skills and knowledge through a year of study at Liaoning University in Shenyang. The ACC provided five full scholarships for the 2006 programme. Youth Development Australia provided a further nine students with part-scholarships. A list of the ACC-funded 2006 participants is provided in Appendix A.

China Experience Programme

The China Experience Programme, originally named the Short Term Study programme, has been running since the summer school holidays of 1998-99. This fully-funded programme allows ten young Australian secondary school students in years 10 and 11, who are studying Chinese at school, to visit China for one month. During the 2006 China Experience Programme, the students spent several weeks attending a Chinese secondary school and had homestay opportunities with Chinese families. They also spent several days visiting cultural sites in Shanghai and Beijing. A list of the China Experience participants for 2006 is provided in Appendix A.



China Experience.



OTHER PROGRAMMES

A number of programmes and projects listed under Output One and Output Three also contribute to Output Two.

ACC National Chinese Speech (Hanyuqiao) Competition

The Council was pleased to support the second National Chinese Speech (Hanyuqiao) competition. The competition included year 10 and 11 students from across Australia and was run by the Chinese Language Teachers' Federation of Australia. The competition was highly successful and a third competition will be held in Melbourne in 2007.

Pamela See, Papercutting project

The Council awarded a general funding grant to Brisbane artist, Pamela See, for a project to investigate paper-cutting techniques in China. Ms See then presented a number of workshops in Queensland, where she shared her technical and cultural knowledge of this art.



Pamela See with some of her works.



Australian Kung Fu (Wushu) Federation Inc.

The Council supported Australian Wushu judge, Jin-Song Han, to visit China for training in new software for Wushu competition judges. The software reflects the new international competition rules which will be used at the 2007 Oceania Wushu Championships in Sydney. As host, Australian judges will be expected to be fully familiar with the new judging system. The new rules will also be used in the Beijing Olympics, where wushu will be a demonstration sport. Jin-Song Han brought copies of the software back to Australia and is training Australian wushu judges in its use. The Australian wushu team has already benefited from his training and performed well at the Second World Traditional Wushu Championships.





OUTPUT THREE

Broaden and deepen areas of bilateral contact and exchange, particularly in areas that demonstrate Australian expertise

The Residency programmes are the primary activity contributing to Output Three.

RESIDENCY PROGRAMMES

The Australia-China Council residencies are offered on a competitive basis to Australians undertaking a project that will enhance the bilateral relationship. Projects may be in the field of the arts, scholarship, science, business or any other area that can be demonstrated to enhance the relationship. The residencies provide either specific accommodation or an allowance and may include some assistance with orientation and in establishing contacts. A small number of awardees will also receive a travel grant to help with airfares. Residency programme recipients otherwise cover their own airfares and living expenses and make their own travel arrangements, including obtaining visas and travel insurance.

Applicants were able to apply for a residency period of between one and three months. A list of residency programme recipients and details of their projects are provided in Appendix A.

Beijing Residency



Robin Best, Beijing November 2005.

The Beijing Residency programme was first offered in 2001-02, with the Council providing a furnished apartment in Beijing for the use of Australians undertaking a project that would enhance the Australia-China relationship. This residency has been highly popular. Brian Wallace of Red Gate Gallery is contracted to provide the apartment and support services, such as orientation and appropriate introductions for arts-based residents.

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Hong Kong Residency

2005-6 was the third year in which a residency in Hong Kong was offered. Accommodation was provided in Robert Black College, Hong Kong University. The Hong Kong residency is accommodation only. Although it is open to people from all fields, it particularly suits researchers.

Taipei Residence Exchange

The Taipei residencies are available to applicants from all fields of the arts. It is run as an exchange programme with the Taipei Artists' Village (TAV). The facilities at TAV have been highly commended by residents, with the artists being encouraged to share their work with other residents of TAV and to present seminars or performances of their work.

The TAV exchange agreement includes a Taiwanese artist coming to Australia for each Australian Artist residing at TAV.

Accommodation Subsidies

The Council instituted accommodation subsidies in 2005. The subsidies of up to \$1000 per month can be used towards accommodation and travel costs anywhere in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan. The subsidies offer artists the opportunity to visit multiple and diverse destinations and cities over one to three months.

OTHER PROGRAMMES

A number of programmes and projects listed under Output One and Output Two also contributed to Output Three.

Council delegation visit to China, June 2006

In June 2006, a full Council visit was arranged to co-inside with the Tenth Australian Studies Conference in Inner Mongolia. Some members of the delegation also attended a programme of meetings in Beijing and/or Hong Kong. The Council is investigating a number of opportunities for new projects and initiatives that were raised during the visit.





The Council and secretariat staff at the Temple of the five pagodas in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia.

Griffith City Council, sister-city visit to Harbin

The Council provided a small grant to Griffith City Council towards a visit to Griffith's sistercity, Harbin. Griffith has made a number of trade delegation visits in the past; however, this visit was focussed on youth. Twelve students from the Griffith region went on the trip. A reciprocal visit to Griffith by a group from Harbin is planned for later in the year. A sisterschool agreement and further visits are also planned for the future.

ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

Meetings and Decision Making

The Council holds three meetings each calendar year to discuss issues in the bilateral relationship, decide on funding priorities and monitor implementation of its decisions. Between Council meetings, programme co-ordinators and selection committees assess applications and make recommendations to the Council on projects and programmes. Inter-sessional discussions and selection committee meetings are usually conducted by email and teleconference.



Council meetings held during the reporting period were:

| Meeting No. | Location | Date |
|-------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 93 | Sydney | 28 September 2005 |
| 94 | Canberra | 10 March 2006 |
| 95 | Melbourne | 31 May 2006 |

ACC Audit Committee

The Council's Audit Committee generally meets before every second Council meeting. In 2005-6, it met on 10 March 2006. The role of the Committee is to evaluate effectiveness of procedures and value-for-money in the Council's operations. The committee also reviews activities to ensure that Departmental procedures are observed and that any risk is minimised.

Information and Advertising

The ACC website - http://www.dfat.gov.au/acc/ - has in-depth information about the Council and its programmes.

Youth Exchange Programmes: www.dfat.gov.au/acc/yep/
Australian Studies Programme: www.dfat.gov.au/acc/asp/
Residencies and Awards Programme: www.dfat.gov.au/acc/rap/

General Funding Grants: www.dfat.gov.au/acc/guidelines.html

The Council's programmes are also advertised at regular intervals in national newspapers, relevant journals and through direct mail. For example, mail-outs about the Youth Exchange programmes are sent to all secondary schools that teach Chinese. All recipients of Council funding are required to acknowledge the Council's support in all their promotional materials. Successful arts projects which tour Greater China are also required to register their events on OzArts Online: www.ozarts.com.au

Applications for Awards and Funding

Details of procedures for applying for ACC programme awards and funding, including forms and funding conditions are available on the Council's website on the relevant programme webpages listed above.

The Council's Funding Policy can be found at: www.dfat.gov.au/acc/acc strategic plan 3.html

Application and Acquittal Forms: www.dfat.gov.au/acc/acc_downloads.html



ACC Special Account

Australia-China Council programme funds are provided by the Australian Government in the form of an annual grant in trust administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The Australian Government allocation during the 2005-6 financial year was \$725,000. The Council also received administrative refunds and the refund of unspent grant monies totalling \$8,080.00. The Financial Statement at Appendix A provides full details.

Sponsorship

The Council seeks corporate sponsorship for key programmes such as book gifts for the Shanghai Library Australian Collection.

Continued sponsorship for the Shanghai Library was received from ANZ Shanghai (\$5,000) and the Australian Consulate in Shanghai (\$2,000).

Auditor's reports

The financial affairs of the Council are examined by the Australian National Audit Office as part of its examination of the accounts of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Remuneration

Council members receive sitting fees and travel expenses for attending meetings, in line with Remuneration Tribunal determinations for part time members of non-statutory bodies.

Industrial Democracy and Workplace Diversity

Secretariat staff are covered under the industrial democracy and workplace diversity programmes of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade as well as the Department's Certified Agreement.

Freedom of Information

In the reporting period, the Council did not receive any applications under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

APPENDIX A - 2005-06 FINANCIAL STATEMENT



44,536

Expenditure 2005-06

Council Initiated Programmes

Youth Exchange Programme

China Experience Programme

| | • | • |
|---------|--|--------|
| | Susannah Balson – Hamilton and Alexandra College | |
| | Caryn Chan – Ivanhoe Girl's Grammar School | |
| | Georgina Hains – Adelaide High School | |
| | Rebecca Harwood – Elizabeth College | |
| | Jason Matthews – Oxley College | |
| | Talbot Matthews – The Friends School | |
| | Jolien Mikosza – Narrabundah College | |
| | Justin Steele – Brisbane Grammar School | |
| | Rebecca Tan – Overnewton Anglican Community College | |
| | Victoria Weldon – Presbyterian Ladies' College | |
| Year in | China Programme | 66,991 |
| | James Arklay – Indoorpilly State Highschool | |
| | Scott Bulman – Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School | |
| | Rebecca Griffin – Matthew Flinders Girls Secondary College | |
| | Hayward Matthews – The Friends School | |
| | Jacob Taylor – Canberra Grammar School | |
| Young | Business and Professional Scholars Programme | 56,332 |
| | Thomas Chase | |
| | York Chen | |
| | | |

Youth Exchange Programmes Sub-total

Megan Everest Colleen Stillman

Management Services and overhead

National Chinese Speech (Hanyuqiao) Competition

17,520

3090

188,469



Australian Studies in China Programme

| Competitive Projects Programme: | Total: 100,000 |
|--|----------------|
| Dou Kun – Beijing Academy of Social Sciences: | 4,300 |
| Research on G.E. Morrison and his Relations with the Chinese as the Correspondent of the Times (1897-1912) | |
| Ouyang Yu – Wuhan University: | 4,000 |
| China's Australia: A Poetic Anthology | |
| Yang Jincai – Nanjing University, Centre for Australian Studies: | 4,500 |
| Pathological Representation of Death and Alienation in David Malouf's Fiction | |
| Mao Bin – Wuhan University: | 5,800 |
| Investigation of Cultural Production (Cultural Districts) in Australia and in China | |
| Zhao Xingjun – Nankai University: | 5,000 |
| Determinants of China's Import Demand for Australia's Energy Products | |
| Liou To-hai – National Chengchi University: | 5,000 |
| The 8th Issue of the "Taiwanese Journal of Australian Studies 2006" | |
| Chen Hong & Gao Huirong – East China Normal University: | 5,800 |
| A Brief History of China Australia Education Exchanges and Cooperation | |
| Wang Zhongmei – Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences: | 4,000 |
| Australian Studies Centre, Merger Control and Antimonopoly: Experiences of Australian and Enlightenment for China | |
| Liu Xing & Zhong Yuan – East China Normal University: | 5,000 |
| The Role of Australian Aid in China's Modernisation | |
| ECNU – ECNU, Australian Studies Centre: | 5,000 |

The Fourth ECNU-ACC Cup China Australia Friendship English

Contest



| Li Hui – East China Normal University: | 4,500 |
|---|-------|
| Approaches and Strategies to Overcome Learning Barriers for International Chinese Students in Australia | |
| Hu Yueming & Lu Ping – Zhejiang University: | 5,000 |
| A Comparative Study: Australian and Chinese Media Law and Regulation | |
| Hu Bo, Dong Jun & Chen Na – Beijing Foreign Studies University: | 3,500 |
| Research on the Images of Australia Constructed in Chinese Newspapers Since 2000 | |
| Wang Labao – Suzhou University: | 4,000 |
| Studies in Contemporary Australian Literature- Monograph Publication | |
| Sun Honglei – Xuzhou Normal University: | 2,500 |
| The Study of Australian Immigration Policy on Chinese, 1980s to 1990s | |
| Gu Ying – University of Shanghai for Science and Technology: | 2,800 |
| A Panorama of Mental States of Colonial Settlers: A View of Henry Handel Richardson's The Fortunes of Richard Mahony | |
| Chen Shaoxiong – Xiamen University: | 4,000 |
| The Competitiveness of Service Trade of Australian and its implication for the Development of Chinese Service Trade | |
| Tang Zhengqiu – Zhongshan University: | 5,000 |
| Curriculum Development & Textbook Publication: Poetry & Translation (Australian-Chinese) for Postgraduates | |
| Lee Bih-hearn Virginia – National Taiwan University: | 4,000 |
| The Australian Economy and Labour Markets: Nationwide Developments and the Metropolitan City of Brisbane | |
| Zhu Ning – Beijing Foreign Studies University: | 4,000 |
| Gender and Suburbia: A critical examination of the impact of changing suburbia in identity construction of Australian women since the fifties | |



| Zhou Hui – Xuzhou Normal University: | 4,000 |
|---|-------|
| Immigration and Australian Welfare System | |
| Zhang Qiusheng – Xuzhou Normal University: | 4,000 |
| Australia and Globalisation: Selected Papers of the 9th International Conference of Australian Studies in China | |
| Yang Guiling – University of Shanghai for Science and Technology: | 3,500 |
| Aboriginal Art from a Religious Perspective | |

| Output Awards | Total: 50,000 |
|---|---------------|
| Anhui University | 4,000 |
| Beijing Foreign Studies University | 6,500 |
| East China Normal University | 6,500 |
| Inner Mongolia University | 2,500 |
| National Chengchi University | 5,000 |
| Peking University | 4,000 |
| Soochow University | 5,000 |
| University of Shanghai for Science and Technology | 5,000 |
| Xiamen University | 4,000 |
| Xuzhou Normal University | 5,000 |
| Zhejiang University | 2,500 |
| Australian Studies Conference | 20,000 |
| Book Gifts – ASCs and Shanghai Library | 11,000 |
| Management Services and overhead | 20,343 |
| Australian Studies in China Sub-total | 201,343 |





Beijing Residence: Red Gate Gallery, Beijing - provision of apartment and support services for award recipients:

13,102

Robin Best: Snuff (ceramics)

Dr Xiao Qiang Gong: Book on Australian music (in Chinese)

Lyall Crawford: The Cultural Heritage of the Chinese Diaspora in

21st Century Australia

Paula Payne: Art Exchange between Australia and Beijing/Taipei

Jane Germaine: A Collaboration in Music

Laurens Tan: Architectural Sculpture: R&D constructions using

local technologies

Ingrid Morley: Fabricated Metal Sculpture

Hong Kong Residence: Hong Kong University – provision of

2,043

apartment:

Michelle Lee: the Outpost (working title of Novel)

Kersty Pamela-Hobson: Hong Kong Animals (research on animal

welfare practices in Hong Kong)

Accommodation Subsidies:

13,250

Robin Best: Snuff (ceramics)

Tim Humphrey: Residency at Shanghai Conservatory of Music

Olivia Martin-Maguire: Exhibition of Australian Photographers'

work in Lianzhou and Shanghai

Rosemary Miller: Australia-China cultural collaboration

(arts management)

Kevin White: Research of traditional and contemporary ceramic

underglaze and on-glaze application techniques

Yan Zhang: Attracting Chinese Tourists to Regional Australia

Kim Vernon: Citynoise - Taipei/Beijing - a series of works on the

ties between biology and architecture



Taipei Residence Exchange:

5,460

At Taipei Artist Village, Taiwan:

Guan Wei – Cultural Relic (visual arts)

Paula Payne – Art Exchange between Australia and Beijing/Taipei

Martyn Coutts – The Bunker (performance)

In Australia:

Evelyn Ma – Research on Aboriginal myths and stories, for input into children's literature

Travel Subsidies:

11,200

Martyn Coutts

Ingrid Morley

Paula Payne

Laurens Tan

Guan Wei

Yan Zhang

| Management and Administrative Se | rvices |
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640

Residencies Programme Sub-total

45,694

Council Initiated Programmes Sub-total

435,506



Other Programmes

Culture and Collaboration Programme

| West Australian Ballet | |
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| Tour to China | 10,000 |
| Sydney Film Festival | |
| Chinese Guests at the 2006 Sydney Film Festival | 1,957 |
| Asialink | |
| Arts Fellowship, awarded to sound artist, lain Mott | 13,500 |
| Novamedia | |
| Strange Attractors (visual arts & science) | 6,930 |
| Frances D'Ath | |
| Choreographic residency at Park 19 in Guangzhou | 15,000 |
| Pacific Film and Television Commission | |
| The 15th Brisbane International Film Festival | 4,800 |
| Kung Fu (Wushu) Federation | |
| Wushu Officials Development Program | 2,700 |
| Bendigo Golden Dragon Museum | |
| Chinese Temples and Cemeteries in Australia | 5,000 |
| Australian Performance Laboratory | |
| 1421 (an intercultural theatre work) | 3,000 |
| Dr Derham Groves | |
| The Man Who Designed A Cement Factory Fit For A President's Palace: Arthur William Purnell (research) | 9,000 |
| Prof Kay Lawrence & Vivonne Thwaites | |
| Writing a Painting (exhibition) | 8,390 |
| Experimenta | |
| Experimenta Vanishing Point (exhibition) | 7,000 |
| Stephen Danzig IDAA/Harries | |
| International Digital Art Awards/Harries Exhibition at Beijing Film Academy | 7,500 |



| Australian Film Festival in Beijing | 5,000 |
|---|--------|
| Dr Wang Zheng-Ting | |
| Culture Exchange between Australia and China | 3,100 |
| Flynn & Yapp | |
| Full Moon in Shanghai (musical performance) | 4,200 |
| Pamela See | |
| Research trip to China, Stage One of a Paper Cutting Training Programme | 1,500 |
| Melinda Rankin | |
| Out of Site (exhibition) | 3,100 |
| West Australian Symphony Orchestra | |
| China Concert Tour 2006 | 10,000 |
| Deborah Paawe | |
| Photographic Exhibition at Art Statements Gallery, Hong Kong | 2,330 |
| Griffith City Council | |
| Griffith student visit to sister city, Harbin | 1,800 |
| McGuire, Fredericks and Dupont | |
| Landscapes (photographic exhibition) | 5,500 |
| Taipei ACIO | |
| Visit by Sean Tan and promotional activities for Australian children's literature | 2,666 |
| Biennale of Sydney | |
| 2006 Biennale of Sydney | 10,000 |
| Australian Council for Educational Research | |
| Chinese beginner level test in reading and writing | 9,000 |
| Wagga Wagga Council | |
| Australia's display at the International Horticultural Exhibition | 2,000 |
| Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School | |
| PEGS Soccer Team China Tour 2006 | 6,000 |



| Janet DeBoos Ceramic Art Exchange Prog | ramme | |
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| Ceramic Art Exchange Programme | | 7,500 |
| The Australian Ballet | | |
| Performance of Swan Lake in Shanghai | | 10,000 |
| General Funding overhead | | 56 |
| | | |
| | Programme Sub-total | 178,529 |

Special Projects

Administrative Expenses

| Secretariat expenses | 2,567 |
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| Programme advertising | 5,457 |
| Council meetings | 26,605 |
| 2004-05 Annual Report | 3,129 |
| Council visit to Beijing, Hohhot & Hong Kong, June 2006 | 82,809 |
| Official Functions | 5,889 |
| Other Council expenses | 2,383 |
| Administration Sub-Total | 128,839 |
| Total Expenditure | 742,875 |



SUMMARY OF TRUST ACCOUNT

Receipts and Expenditure 2005-06

Receipts

Income 2005-06

| - budget allocation | | 725,000 |
|--|-----------------------|---------|
| - Australian Consulate, Shanghai sponsorship | p | 2,000 |
| - ANZ sponsorship | | 5,000 |
| - additional funds from mid-term bid | | 574 |
| | Total Receipts | 733,080 |
| - roll-over from 2004-05 | | 14,658 |
| | Total funds available | 747,737 |

Expenditure

| Programmes and Projects | | 614,035 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Administration | | 128,839 |
| | Total Expenditure | 742,875 |
| | Unexpended Funds 2005-06 | 4,862 |

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APPENDIX B - AUSTRALIA-CHINA COUNCIL 2006-09 STRATEGIC PLAN

Part One: Mission Statement and Key Objectives

The Australia-China Council operates within the provisions of the Executive Council Order of 17 May 1978 under which it is constituted and the amendments to that order of 17 May 1979, 28 April 1981 and 19 February 2004.

Mission Statement

To broaden and deepen relations between Australia and China by:

- fostering in Australia a greater awareness and understanding of China and fostering in China a greater awareness and understanding of Australia.
- developing and expanding the areas of contact and exchange between Australia and China.

Key objectives

- To initiate, develop and support activities to achieve the Council's Mission (Part 2: Programme Strategies).
- To provide seed funding to projects which promise continuing benefits.
- To promote complementarities and avoid duplication between the Council's programmes and those of other institutions active in Australia-China relations.
- To retain flexibility to support initiatives brought to the Council by other bodies (Part 3: Funding Policy).
- To monitor, review and modify programmes as necessary to meet Council objectives.
- To comply with all federal government financial and reporting requirements (Part 4: Financial Framework).



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Part Two: Programme Strategies

Youth Exchanges

Objective

 To encourage young Australians to develop Chinese language skills and a life long interest and involvement in Australia-China relations.

Strategies

- Offer a range of scholarships for young Australian students to visit China, with the main focus on younger students.
- Make the China Experience curriculum available to school and community groups.
- Modify the Year in China programme to allow for higher numbers of self-funded students.
- Seek corporate sponsorship or other partnering arrangements for scholarship programmes.
- Encourage, including through competitions and awards, the study of China and the Chinese language in Australian schools.
- Encourage sister-school relationships between Australian and Chinese schools.
- Seek to consolidate ACC alumni networks.

Australian Studies in China

Objective

 To enhance the range, volume, quality and value of research on contemporary Australian society, traditions and capabilities and promote the dissemination of outcomes in China through publishing, internet and media projects, conferences and other means.

Strategies

- By rewarding performance, maintain and develop the network of Australian Studies Centres in China.
- Promote complementarity between ACC funding and funding received by Australian Studies Centres in China from their own institutions.

Residencies and Awards



Objectives

- To encourage talented Australians to focus their efforts on China.
- To seek new initiatives in the arts, scholarship, business or any other field which would enhance Australia-China relations.
- To acknowledge the significant contribution to the bilateral relationship of key individuals in Australia and China.

Strategies

- Extend the reach of the ACC's residency programmes.
- Support awards, prizes and other ways of recognising significant events, milestones and achievements in the Australia-China relationship.

Culture, Sport and Heritage

Objectives

- To foster a greater awareness in China of contemporary life in Australia and in Australia
 of contemporary life in China by supporting and promoting cultural and collaborative
 activities.
- To promote support among commercial organisations for ACC objectives.

Strategies

- Provide funding to support exchanges in all aspects of the arts and other fields, including through cost-sharing with DFAT's visitor programmes, under the following guiding principles:
 - giving priority to activities which project Australia as an innovative, multi cultural, open and liberal society, especially activities with the potential to generate longer-term institutional and people-to-people links;
 - encouraging activities designed to involve young people;
 - providing seed money to attract sponsorship, where practical;
 - ensuring regional spread;
 - supporting projects that raise awareness of indigenous Australian culture.



- Support Australian research on the history of Chinese contact with and settlement in Australia and the impact of Chinese Australians on Australian society, and promote the dissemination of this research.
- Seek to engage Australian and Chinese companies and institutions to support ACC objectives.
- Maintain links with the relevant Australian Chambers of Commerce in Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

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Part Three: Funding Policy

Most ACC funding goes to Council-initiated programmes such as the Youth Programmes, the Australian Studies Programme and Residencies and Awards Programme. However, each year some money is available to suitable one-off projects.

ACC funding is only valid for the financial year in which it is awarded. Agreement for funding is NOT transferable to a future financial year, if commencement of a project is delayed. In that event, applicants must reapply in a subsequent financial year, and be considered on a competitive basis with other project applications in that year.

- A project should have clearly defined objectives consistent with the Council's key objectives and with the specific objectives and priority activities of the relevant Council programme(s).
- Those involved in the proposed project should be recognised as having substantial merit in their field.
- · As a general rule, the Council will only provide seed funding for activities.
- Projects that primarily involve one person travelling to China are better suited to the Residency programmes. (Potential applicants should discuss these cases with the Secretariat.)
- Preference will be given to projects that project Australia as an innovative, multicultural, open and liberal society and that offer prospects of long-term institutional links and continuing exchanges. Preference is also given to activities which have the prospect of being independently sustained in the future.
- The Council encourages applicants to also seek funding from other bodies. Where there
 is no confirmed partner funding at the time of application, the Council may decide to award
 funding only on the condition that adequate supplementary funds are raised.
- Grants will normally not exceed \$8,000. Grants within the range of \$8,000 to \$20,000 will
 only be provided for particularly worthwhile projects which the ACC judges will meet its key
 objectives. Funding over \$20,000 for any single activity will only be provided in exceptional
 circumstances and where the Council decides the project will become a priority activity of
 the Council in that financial year.



- In any financial year the Council will look to fund, both in Australia and throughout the Greater China region, a diverse range of activities, including projects which have a reach outside the major cities.
- All ACC funding is given on the condition that the applicant will provide a report on the
 project and an adequate financial acquittal within 30 days of the completion of the activities
 for which the funding is provided.
- Full acknowledgement of the Council's support is required in all promotional materials
 and publications associated with ACC funded projects. Where organisations have internal
 policies that apply certain conditions on treatment of sponsors, such policies should be
 made known at the time of application.

Activities not funded

The ACC is interested in a broad range of activities consistent with the Council's programme strategies and welcomes new projects being brought to its attention. However, the Council will not normally make money available for the following purposes:

- activities which more appropriately fall within the area of responsibility of other funding bodies and government agencies, for example:
 - community aid projects;
 - activities under bilateral science and technology agreements;
 - trade promotion activities normally handled by Austrade; or
 - academic research, which is more appropriately funded by other institutions, except in very exceptional circumstances where the Council considers there is a prospective wider benefit for Australia-China relations.
- travel to meetings and conferences where the travel to and participation in the gathering is the principal or sole purpose of the application.
- activities which are commercially viable in their own right and/or which give a commercial advantage to one organisation.
- funding support to grant-giving organisations for activities mainly involving the staff of those organisations.
- the day-to-day operational costs of the organisation seeking funding or the project's principals eg. for wages, salaries or fees for services.
- · capital expenditure on real property, and purchase of equipment.
- reimbursement for the costs of projects, or parts of projects, which have been completed prior to the Council's consideration of the application.

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Part Four: Financial Framework

- The Australia-China Council programme funds are provided by the Australian Government in the form of an annual grant-in-trust administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, which is reviewed each year by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The Council's funding policies and financial practices conform to the Department's guidelines for administering those funds. These include:
 - publication of an Annual Report, including a detailed financial statement;
 - the condition that funding is valid only for the financial year in which it is awarded and that agreement to provide funds is not transferable to a future financial year if the start of a project is delayed;
 - the requirement to submit a detailed financial acquittal and project report by all grant recipients and service providers within one month of the completion of the activities funded;
 - regular monitoring of the progress of the activities funded;
 - regular evaluation of the outcomes of programmes and projects funded, to ensure funded activities meet the Council's objectives and strategies; and
 - regular updating of a risk management strategy.
- ACC Funding and awards are provided on the basis of merit and the ability to fulfil the
 Council's stated objectives for the particular programme. Applicants from all regions of
 Australia and all sections of the community with an interest in strengthening links between
 Australia and China are welcome to apply for Council funding.



APPENDIX C - 1978 ORDER ESTABLISHING THE COUNCIL

Commonwealth of Australia

Order Constituting The Australia-China Council

WHEREAS the Australian Government is desirous of further developing relations between Australia and China:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that such relations should be developed by the promotion in Australia of a greater awareness of China, and by the promotion in China of a greater awareness of Australia and the enlargement over the longer term of the areas of contact and exchange between Australia and China and their respective people:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that there be established a body for the purpose of providing a focus for the collection, exchange and dissemination of information, and a source of advice, in relation to the ways in which such relations may be encouraged, strengthened and developed:

NOW THEREFORE I, Sir Zelman Cowen, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. There is hereby established a council to be known as the "Australia-China Council"
- 2. (1) The Council shall consist of -
 - (a) a Chairman; and
 - (b) not less than 4 and not more than 15 other members
 - (2) The Chairman and other members shall be appointed by the Governor-General on the nomination of the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs for fixed terms and on a part-time basis. The Chairman shall be appointed for up to 5 years and other members for 3 years. Approximately one half of the members of the first Council shall be appointed for 2 years.
- 3. A member (including the Chairman) may resign his office by writing under his hand delivered to the Governor-General.
- 4. (1) Subject to sub-clause (2), meetings of the Council shall be held at such times and at such places as the Council determines.
 - (2) The Chairman shall, upon receipt of a written request signed by 4 other members of the Council, summon a meeting of the Council to deal with such matters as are specified in that written request.



- 5. At a meeting of the Council, a quorum shall be constituted by any 4 members or not less than half the members for the time being holding office, whichever is the larger.
- 6. The procedures for the conduct of meetings of the Council, including procedures for the appointment by the members from amongst their number of an Acting Chairman, in the event of the absence from any meeting of the Chairman, shall be determined from time to time by the Council.
- 7. The functions of the Council are -
- (a) to make recommendations to the Minister for Foreign Affairs in relation to -
 - ways in which visits to China by delegations and individuals from Australia, and to Australia by delegations and individuals from China, may be promoted and enriched;
 - (ii) the establishment and maintenance of exchange programs between Australia and China including the selection of persons to participate in such programs;
 - (iii) the provision of assistance in Australia to students and other visitors from China;
 - (iv) the collection and development of reference material relating to China;
 - (v) the promotion within China of a greater awareness of Australia, and within Australia of a greater awareness of China;
 - (vi) the development of public information activities related to China;
 - (vii) the provision of assistance to the Australian media on matters related to China;
 - (viii) the encouragement and commissioning of research connected with matters of direct importance to relations between Australia and China, including the encouragement and development of the teaching of the Chinese studies in Australia;
 - (ix) the holding of conferences and seminars in relations to any of the matters referred to in paragraphs (i) to (viii) inclusive;
 - (x) the publication of newsletters and other publications related to the activities of the Council;
- (b) subject to the direction of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, to provide advice and information to individuals and organisations and to the Australian media in relation to any matters referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) (i) to (ix) inclusive; and
- (c) for the purposes of formulating recommendations referred to in paragraph (a) or providing advice and information referred to in paragraph (b), to consult with individuals, organisations and Government departments and agencies associated or concerned with the development of relations between Australia and China.



- 8. Moneys required for the purpose of enabling the Council to discharge its functions and the implementation of the Council's recommendations shall be obtained from
 - (a) moneys standing to the credit of any Trust Account established under Section 62A of the Audit Act 1901 for those purposes; or
 - (b) any other moneys lawfully available for those purposes.
- Without limiting the generality of clause 7, the Council may, in relation to any matter connected with the functions of the Council, make recommendations to the Minister for Foreign Affairs with respect to –
 - (a) the entering into of contracts;
 - (b) the use and disposition of gifts, devises and bequests;
 - (c) the making of grants and loans;
 - (d) the provision of scholarships and benefits; and
 - (e) the employment under the *Public Service Act* 1922 of an Executive Officer and other staff to assist the Council.

GIVEN under my Hand and the Great Seal of Australia on 17 May 1978 (Signed Zelman Cowen) Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command (Signed Andrew Peacock) Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA



Amendments of the Order Establishing the Australia-China Council

- I, SIR ZELMAN COWEN, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby amend the Order dated 17 May 1978 establishing the Australia-China Council
 - (a) by omitting from paragraph 2(1) (b) "15 other members" and substituting "16 other members"; and
 - (b) by adding at the end of clause 2 the following sub-clause:
 - "(3) A person may be appointed to be a member of the Council subject to the condition that no remuneration, allowances or other payments are to be payable to him as a member of the Council apart from payments of amounts to reimburse him for travel and accommodation expenses actually incurred by him in the performance of his duties as a member of the Council."

GIVEN under my Hand and the Great Seal of Australia on Seventeenth May 1979 (Signed Zelman Cowen) Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command, (Signed Andrew Peacock) Minister of State for Foreign Affairs



Amendment of the Order Establishing the Australia-China Council

I, SIR ZELMAN COWEN, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby order as follows:

- The Order dated 17 May 1978 establishing the Australia-China Council, as amended by the Order dated 17 May 1979, is amended by omitting sub-clauses 2(2) and 2(3) and substituting the following sub-clauses:
 - "(2) The members of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor-General on the nomination of the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.
 - "(3) The Chairman shall be appointed
 - (a) for a period not exceeding 5 years; and
 - (b) on a part-time basis.
 - "(4) A member of the Council, other than the Chairman,
 - shall be appointed -
 - (a) for a period not exceeding 3 years; and
 - (b) on a part-time basis.
 - "(5) A person may be appointed to be a member of the Council subject to the condition that no remuneration, allowances or other payments are to be payable to him as a member of the Council apart from payments of amounts to reimburse him for travel and accommodation expenses actually incurred by him in the performance of his duties as a member of the Council."
- 2. A person who held office as a member of the Australia-China Council immediately before the making of this Order continues to hold office as if this Order had been in force when the person was appointed to be such a member and he had been appointed under the Order dated 17 May 1978 as amended by the Order dated 17 May 1979 and by this Order.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of Australia on 28 April 1981. (Signed Zelman Cowen) Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command, (Signed A Street) Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA



Amendment of the Order Constituting the Australia-China Council

I, PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby order as follows:

- 1. The Order dated 17 May 1978 constituting the Australia-China Council, as amended by the Orders dated 17 May 1979 and 28 April 1981 is amended:
 - (a) by omitting paragraph 2 (1) and substituting:

"The Council shall consist of:

- (a) a Board comprising
 - (i) a Chairman; and
 - (ii) the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) or a DFAT representative appointed by the Secretary as an ex-officio member; and
 - (iii) not less than 4 and not more than 16 other members; and
- (b) a Secretariat provided by DFAT"; and
- (b) by omitting "members" in paragraph 2 (2) and substituting "Chairman"; and
- (c) by omitting "A member of the Council, other than the Chairman, shall be appointed" in *paragraph 2 (4)* and substituting:
 "Members of the Board, other than the Chairman and the ex-officio DFAT member, shall be appointed by the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs"; and
- (d) by omitting "Governor General" in *paragraph 3* and substituting "Minister of State for Foreign Affairs"; and
- (e) by omitting "Acting Chairman, in the event of the absence from any meeting of the Chairman, shall" in paragraph 6 and substituting "Acting Chairman and a Deputy Chairman shall": and
- (f) by omitting paragraph 9 (e); and
- (g) by adding after paragraph 9 (d) the following new paragraph:
 - "10. As soon as practicable after 30 June in each year, the Council shall provide to the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs an Annual Report on Council activities during the period of twelve months ending on 30 June".



2. A person who held office as a member of the Australia-China Council immediately before the making of this Order continues to hold office as if this Order had been in force when the person was appointed to be such a member and he or she had been appointed under the Order dated 17 May 1978 as amended by the Orders dated 17 May 1979 and 28 April 1981 and by this Order.

> GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of Australia on 19 February 2004 (Signed Philip Michael Jeffery) Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command (Signed Alexander Downer) Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA



Amendment of the Order Constituting the Australia-China Council

I, PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby order that the Order dated 17 May 1978 constituting the Australia-China Council, as amended by the Orders dated 17 May 1979, 28 April 1981 and 19 February 2004, be amended:

By omitting subclause 2 (5) and substituting:

"A person appointed to be a member of the Council shall be:

- (a) paid sitting fees, travel and accommodation expenses in accordance with Australian Government Remuneration Tribunal Determinations; and
- (b) entitled to be reimbursed for other expenses approved by the Council and actually incurred by the member in the performance of their duties as a member of the Council."

Signed and Seaedl with the Great Seal of Australia on 1 June 2006 Governor-General By His Excellency's Command Minister of State for Foreign Affairs