

QoN Number	Question Submitted By	Group Responsible	Subject	Full Question Text	Spoken/Written	Hansard Page	Question Date
BI-1	Carr, Kim	Industry Growth	Copy of Nous review on Growth Centres	<p>Senator KIM CARR: ... There was a review of the growth centres by the Nous consulting group, is that right? Mr Medland: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: Did Nous Group recommend that you cut the growth centres? Mr Lawson: Nous Group reviewed, I believe, the growth centres that existed. The reduction in the program isn't a reduction of the existing growth centres. As a result of the Nous review, those growth centres were found to be doing well and their funding was extended for two years. The savings have been taken out of uncommitted funding in the program. Senator KIM CARR: Can we get a copy of this review? Mr Lawrence: The review undertaken by Naus was used to inform the minister's decision to extend them— Senator KIM CARR: Sorry, Mr Lawrence, but does that mean yes or no? Mr Lawrence: and a decision to release that is up to the minister. Senator KIM CARR: I see. Minister, can we get a copy of this review? Senator Canavan: We'll have to take that on notice, Senator. It's not my report, sorry.</p>	Spoken	92-93	5/04/2019 19:00
BI-2	Carr, Kim	Science and Commercialisation Policy	SAGE initiative funding	<p>Senator KIM CARR: The money on the SAGE initiative provides three years extension, doesn't it? Can I just confirm that that's three years? Ms Forsyth: Yes, that's correct. Senator KIM CARR: That's about \$600,000 a year, is that right? Ms Forsyth: I'd have to check how much it is each year. Mrs Urquhart: Just bear with us, Senator. We do have a profile. Ms Forsyth: It's \$500,000 in the 2019-20 financial year, \$600,000 in the 2020-21 financial year and \$700,000 in the 2021— Senator KIM CARR: So it averages out. Ms Forsyth: It does. Senator KIM CARR: Is that less than the previous funding? Ms Forsyth: We're just trying to find the information. Mrs Urquhart: It might be most helpful if my colleague gives you the profile for the previous funding, because it's not quite the same. Senator KIM CARR: But is it less? Ms Forsyth: In the 2016-17 financial year it was \$1 million. Senator KIM CARR: So \$1 million for the previous three years? Mrs Urquhart: No. It then goes on over 2017-18. Ms Forsyth: Then 2017-18 is \$500,000 and 2018-19 is \$500,000. Senator KIM CARR: Okay, but there is \$1 million in there somewhere, right? Mrs Urquhart: In the first year. Senator KIM CARR: What I'm interested to know is if the aggregate on those three years is less. Would that be right? Ms Forsyth: Yes. Senator KIM CARR: Okay. What's put to me is that there's less money available. The SAGE people asked for more money, presumably. Mrs Urquhart: We would have to take on notice what figures, if any, were given to us by the Academy of Science. Senator KIM CARR: Okay. I'm just wondering: are they expected to do more with less? As the business model changed, is there a— Mrs Urquhart: No, the funding is a contribution to the base of the SAGE initiative, so it's not held against particular activities.</p>	Spoken	102	5/04/2019 19:00
BI-3	Patrick, Rex	Australian Space Agency	Space Agency MoUs	<p>Senator PATRICK: I will be very interested as you move forward on that. Those MOUs that are in place—are they public documents? Mr Murfett: They are, and they should be on the website now. What we are endeavouring to do is to make sure, as we sign those MOUs and our statements of strategic intent—I will take that on notice to make sure they are there, but I know most of them are there. Senator PATRICK: Yes—even if you put a link in the answer to the question on notice. Mr Murfett: Yes, we'll just do that.</p>	Spoken	107	5/04/2019 19:00
BI-4	Patrick, Rex	AUSI - Support for Business	Automotive Projects	<p>Ms Ryan: We do have an example of one project that we could tell you about, which is flat glass around one recipient. They upskilled 75 employees to operate and support new advanced manufacturing equipment. That was the first project completed. Senator PATRICK: Where is that located? Ms Ryan: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	109	5/04/2019 19:00
BI-5	Patrick, Rex	AUSI - Industry Capability and Research	List of successful CRC projects	<p>Dr Richards: The \$20 million would have been to the CRC program, and it would be evaluated within the framework of the CRC program. Senator PATRICK: How many of those programs have been funded, in terms of value? Ms Ryan: I believe there were 15 successful CRC projects. Senator PATRICK: Are they listed anywhere? Dr Richards: They would have been announced as part of the normal grants arrangements. I think that was in December 2017. Senator PATRICK: Is it possible to provide that list on notice? Ms Ryan: Yes.</p>	Spoken	110	5/04/2019 19:00

BI-6	Patrick, Rex	AUSI - Support for Business	Automotive Engineering Graduate Program	Senator PATRICK: ... The scholarships? Ms Ryan: That was the one I just mentioned. Senator PATRICK: I'm just going in the order that I remember they were originally listed. Ms Ryan: That was the \$5 million Automotive Engineering Graduate Program. That one is going through the final stages of the granting process. Senator PATRICK: How many universities have been involved in that? Have any in South Australia been involved in that? Ms Ryan: I would have to take on notice the location of the universities. But the applications have been assessed, and 10 projects were recommended for funding to the program delegate. The program delegate agreed to those projects, and those successful applicants will be contacted shortly. Senator PATRICK: And shortly means? Ms Ryan: Very soon—within days. Senator PATRICK: The reason I'm asking is that I want you to provide, on notice, a list of the successful applicants, noting it will take some time for that answer to come back. Ms Ryan: We can do that.	Spoken	110	5/04/2019 19:00
BI-7	Patrick, Rex	Northern Australia and Major Projects	Change of contact points/staff turnover.	Senator PATRICK: That makes a lot of sense. I was in Kimba a week ago, and a comment was made that the contact points the community were used to have now changed significantly. Can you give some detail around that. Ms Chard: Like any government department, we have staff turnover. There have been some changes. There are still some of the team. There's a level of continuity, but I accept that there has been some staff turnover. Senator PATRICK: Can you give me some idea of the level of continuity and the level of change in percentage terms. I'm happy for you to take that on notice. Ms Chard: Sure, I'll take that on notice. Senator PATRICK: The size of the team that has been interacting with the communities both in Hawker and in Kimber, what the stable percentage is and what the changed percentage is. Ms Chard: Certainly.	Spoken	111	5/04/2019 19:00
BI-8	Siewert, Rachel	AUSI - Support for Business	Indigenous Protected Areas (IPA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the \$12.5m for Indigenous Protected Areas (IPA) announced to be administered through the department of industry's grants hub? • How much if any administration fee will be taken from the grants total of \$12.5m by the grants hub? • Which department has designed the criteria against which any new IPA proposals (or consultation proposals) will be assessed? • Which department will decide on which new IPAs will be funded for further consultation and development of draft IPA plans? • Which department will make the final decision on which new IPAs will be accepted into the National Reserve System Network? 	Written		11/04/2019 0:00
BI-9	Patrick, Rex	Resources	Great Australian Bight drilling program	<p>In 2013, we note that BP referred an action to the Minister under the EPBCA relating to their Great Australian Bight drilling program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please confirm that the Minister made no decision in relation to this. • Please advise whether Equinor is required to make a similar referral in relation to their planned drilling and production activities in the Great Australian Bight. 	Written		23/04/2019 9:00
BI-10	Carr, Kim	Questacon	Questacon ticket revenue	<p>Senator KIM CARR: If you include the Science Circus for outreach, how much is the total revenue? Prof. Durant: Perhaps I have misled you. I think that figure does actually include some circus revenue. Senator KIM CARR: So the total revenue for ticket sales is about \$6 million a year. Prof. Durant: It's about \$6 million a year. There's \$2.5 million for sponsorship, \$2.6 million for the sale of goods, half a million or thereabouts for program income, \$775,000 for memberships, \$289,000 for lease and car parks, other revenue is \$24,000, and exhibition hire is over \$500,000. They're all ballpark figures. I have the exact figures if you'd like them.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: If you could. If you've got that table, that'd be very handy.</p>	Spoken	102	5/04/2019 0:00
BI-11	Carr, Kim	Corporate	Innovation Games funding	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Fair enough. And the Innovation Games—what's that about? Ms Kelly: It relates to a program that really amounts to a hackathon, where businesses respond to an innovation challenge, and it's conducted in a hackathon. It's been run very successfully by the Victorian government, and it's a further application of that model. Senator KIM CARR: How much did you say that was—the total? Ms Kelly: It's 1.8 for two years. Mr Medland: It's 3.5 in total. Senator KIM CARR: And this is the first time it's been run here? Ms Kelly: It's the first time that the Commonwealth has— Senator KIM CARR: So, no contracts have been issued yet? Ms Kelly: That's correct. Senator KIM CARR: It's still discretionary funding, then? Ms Kelly: That's my understanding. I'll confirm it, but that's my understanding.</p>	Spoken	97	5/04/2019 0:00