

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

**TOPIC:** CEO of Innovation and Science Australia

**REFERENCE:** Written question – Senator Carr

**QUESTION No.:** AI-116

In relation to recruitment of a CEO for the new office of Innovation and Science Australia. What is the process for making the appointment and how is it being managed? Will there be a shortlist of candidates? What are the selection criteria? Does the Minister sign off on the appointment? When do you expect the appointment will be finalised?

**ANSWER**

The CEO will be appointed by the ISA Board. However, for administration purposes the CEO will be engaged by the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (the Department). For the initial CEO appointment, the appointment will be made by Innovation Australia.

The Department has contracted executive search firm KornFerry International Ltd to undertake a global executive search to identify candidates for the position of CEO of the Office of Innovation and Science Australia. Candidates will be shortlisted in consultation with a selection panel. The selection panel will include the incoming Chair of ISA and the Secretary of the Department.

The appointment is expected to be finalised by July 2016.