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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: The Australian Jobs Act requires submission of AIPPs from companies tendering for projects worth over \$500m

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Xenophon

QUESTION No.: AI-40

Department of Industry

The Australian Jobs Act requires the submission of Australian Industry Participation Plans (AIPPs) from companies tendering for projects worth over \$500m.

1. How many people are employed by the Department of Industry to exclusive work on the objectives of the Act?
2. Who is the Australian Industry Participation Authority
3. What is the remuneration of the Australian Industry Participation Authority
4. Who sits on the Australian Industry Participation Advisory Board
5. What weighting are these plans given during the assessment process and how is the benefit to Australian industry weighted compared to the overall cost?
6. Since Royal Assent how many projects have been triggered the provisions of the Australian Jobs Act?
7. For contracted projects that have triggered the provision of the Act, how many have/have not or are/are not meeting their planed AIP obligations?
8. Since Royal Assent, how many times have the Authority used its powers under Section 55 of the Act? Please provide details.
9. Since Royal Assent, how many times have the Authority used its powers under Section 57 of the Act? Please provide details.
10. Since Royal Assent, how many times have the Authority used its powers under Section 58 of the Act? Please provide details.

ANSWER

1. There are currently 4.5 staff assisting in the administration of the *Australian Jobs Act 2013*.
2. Dr Gary Richards is the acting Australian Industry Participation (AIP) Authority.
3. If the Government decides to appoint a permanent AIP Authority pursuant to Section 69 of the Jobs Act, remuneration will be set by the Remuneration Tribunal.
4. The Minister has not established an AIP Advisory Board.
5. No weighting is given to these plans during the assessment process. There is no weighting given to the benefit to Australian industry compared to the overall cost.
6. 14 projects.
7. 14 projects have met or are meeting their AIP plan obligations.
8. None.
9. None.
10. None.