

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Industry Portfolio  
Budget Estimates Hearing 2014-15  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

**TOPIC:** Clinical Trial Reform Funding

**REFERENCE:** Written Questions – Senator Carr

**QUESTION No.:** BI-184

1. How much funding is allocated in the Budget over the forward estimates to expedite the implementation of clinical trial reform initiatives?
2. Is this new funding or funding allocated in previous budgets?
3. Please provide a breakdown of how this funding will be allocated to different projects.
4. What measures is the Department using to measure the effectiveness of this funding?
5. Is there any additional money in the Budget for clinical trials?

**ANSWER**

1. \$3.83 million has been allocated to the Department of Industry from 2012-13 to 2016-17 to expedite the implementation of clinical trial reform initiatives.
2. This funding was allocated in the 2013-14 Budget.
3. The funding will be allocated to the development of a national interactive web portal (administered funds of \$2.35 million) and providing education and training to improve clinical trial conduct and timeliness (administered funds of \$600,000). Departmental funds have also been allocated for these activities.
4. The Department of Industry and the Department of Health have established an oversight committee of stakeholders actively involved in the clinical trials sector to help ensure the measures under the initiative are effectively implemented and information is disseminated widely.
5. There is no further funding for the Industry portfolio beyond 2016-17.