

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

**TOPIC:** CRC Program Review

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**QUESTION NO.:** BI-56

**Senator KIM CARR:** How many reviews have there been of the CRC program since its inception? When was the last review?

**Senator Ronaldson:** I understand it was in 2008.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Who headed that review, and did that review find any major deficiencies in the program?

**Ms Beauchamp:** I would have to take the outcome of that review on notice; it was a long time ago.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Have any of the reviews actually recommended the winding down of the program?

**Ms Beauchamp:** I would have to take that on notice as well.

**ANSWER**

The last major review was in 2008, led by Professor Mary O’Kane. The report can be found at <http://pandora.nla.gov.au/tep/88595>.

There have been four major reviews of the Cooperative Research Centres Program since its inception. The terms of reference for each review have broadly considered the objective of the program, its scope, effectiveness and operation. Each has made recommendations in relation to the program and a number of these have been adopted. None of the reviews have recommended winding down the program.