

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

TOPIC: Commonwealth Science Council

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: BI-115

1. In relation to the Commonwealth Science Council meeting on 14 September 2016:
 - a. How long was the meeting?
 - b. Which Ministers attended?
2. Have there been any changes in the arrangements for the CSC following the 2016 election? If so, what are the changes? If not, are any changes planned?
3. On what dates are meetings of the CSC planned for in 2017?

ANSWER

1.
 - a. The 4th meeting of the Commonwealth Science Council was 2 hours.
 - b. All Ministerial members attended the 4th meeting of the Commonwealth Science Council:
The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, Prime Minister (Chair).
The Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science (Deputy Chair).
Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training.
The Hon Sussan Ley MP, Minister for Health.
2. Following the 2016 election, there have been changes to the Ministerial members of the CSC resulting from changed portfolio responsibilities of Ministers.

Current Ministerial membership of the CSC includes:

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, Prime Minister (Chair).
Senator the Hon Arthur Sinodinos, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science (Deputy Chair).
Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training.
The Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health.

No changes to the arrangements of the CSC are planned for 2017.

3. The 5th meeting of the Commonwealth Science Council is scheduled to take place on Thursday 17 August 2017. The Office of the Chief Scientist is currently seeking a date for the 6th meeting of the CSC later in the year