

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation and Science Portfolio  
2017 - 2018 Budget Estimates  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

**TOPIC:** Maintaining Engineering Excellence initiative

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Carr

**QUESTION No.:** BI-93

1. What is the funding profile for this initiative?
2. How will this funding be delivered? Will it be through grants or some other mechanism?
3. Who will decide how this funding will be awarded?
4. How many students will this funding support? In which states?
5. How will this initiative “maintain the flow of highly trained engineers”?
6. Which universities will be eligible to access this funding?
7. Which “technology institutes” will be eligible to access this funding?

**ANSWER**

1. The funding profile for the initiative is as follows:

\$ millions			
2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1.75	1.25	1.25	0.75

2, 3, 4, 6, 7. Details on the implementation of the initiative are the subject of consultation with relevant stakeholders, prior to the development of program guidelines.

5. The initiative will encourage research collaboration between students and the automotive sector, improving automotive related skills, and leading to increased awareness of industry demand for highly skilled automotive engineers.