

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
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**Topic:** Industry Innovation and Competitiveness Agenda

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Kim Carr

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**Question:**

- a) How many officers were seconded from other Departments to assist with the development of the Competitiveness Agenda? How many officers were seconded from the Department of Industry?
- b) Is the Taskforce still operating within PM&C? If yes, how long will this arrangement continue?
- c) What is PM&C's role in implementing and overseeing the policy? Is PM&C responsible for the Competitiveness Agenda or is it the Department of Industry?
- d) What Department is responsible for Budget reporting?
- e) Does the package include any Departmental or Administered funding for PM&C? If so, how much Departmental? How much Administered?
- f) What Department is responsible for maintaining and updating the policy documents, like factsheets and program guidelines for example?
- g) What Department is responsible for managing the stakeholder consultation process?

**Answer:**

- a) Seven officers were seconded from other departments to assist with the development of the Agenda. Three of these officers were from the Department of Industry.
- b) The Taskforce Secretariat is still operating in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C). Its duration is yet to be determined.
- c) PM&C is monitoring and coordinating implementation of the Competitiveness Agenda. The Department of Industry has responsibility for a number of the Competitiveness Agenda's key proposals.
- d) Responsibility for budget reporting on policy proposals detailed in the Competitiveness Agenda rests with the relevant portfolio ministers.
- e) No.

- f) PM&C has overall responsibility for Competitiveness Agenda-related documents. Departments responsible for specific measures will update documents, such as programme guidelines.
- g) PM&C is coordinating the stakeholder consultation process. Individual ministers are convening the roundtables. This stakeholder consultation process is in addition to specific consultation processes on the Competitiveness Agenda's proposals being managed by relevant ministers.