

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio  
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**QUESTION No.13**

(Hansard 16/02/05, p.E27)

**Senator Lundy** asked about:

Is board approval required for tenants?

**ANSWER**

The manager of the incubator has advised that the Board delegates approval of new tenants to a sub-committee comprising one or two board members and the incubator manager.

**QUESTION No.14**

(Hansard 16/02/05, p.E29)

**Senator Lundy** asked about:

Can you provide the Committee with all of the reports or compliance checks that have been performed by the Department on the Ballarat incubator since its establishment in October 2001?

**ANSWER**

Disclosure of detailed information about incubator performance is restricted by provisions in the Small Business Incubator funding agreement. No substantial compliance issues have been identified.

**QUESTION No.15**

(Hansard 16/02/05, p.E29)

**Senator Lundy** asked about:

Can you point me to any documentation the Department may have which makes it clear that tenants other than small businesses can be invited as tenants?

**ANSWER**

It has been the practice of some incubators to lease a proportion of space to organisations other than those defined as small businesses, where additional space is available. This is consistent with industry practice and is acceptable to the Department as long as the primary purpose of the incubator is not compromised.