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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Stimulus Package

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QUESTION No.: AI-18

Does the Department/agency have any involvement in measures announced as part of the \$42 billion budget stimulus package?

If so, was (and when was) the Dept/agency asked for input before the stimulus package was announced?

When did the Dept/agency know details about the stimulus package affecting their portfolio?

ANSWER

The Department has a policy interest in parts of the \$42 billion budget stimulus package. Some of the measures incorporated within the package have been matters considered in discussions between the Department and the Government and with other agencies over time. The Department became aware of the details of the \$42 billion budget stimulus package when it became public.