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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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QUESTION No.: AI-107

Senator BUSHBY – What proportion of staff are on-the-ground business advisers, and to which innovation centres are they attached?

What percentage of on-the-ground business advisers are directly employed by the department or through the program and what percentage are engaged via community based enterprise organisations?

Mrs Zielke—I do not have the breakdown of the business advisers at the moment, but we have 83 across the network.

Senator BUSHBY—Are you able to take it on notice?

Mrs Zielke—I can, yes.

Senator BUSHBY—In doing so, can you also look at what percentage of on-the-ground business advisers are directly employed by the department or through the program and what percentage are engaged via community based enterprise organisations?

Mrs Zielke—Partner organisations are 40 of our business advisers, and the balance, 43, are located within our centres.

Senator BUSHBY—So when you provide the information on notice, can you show that in terms of the centres themselves?

Mrs Zielke—The organisations?

Senator BUSHBY—And how many in each of them, yes.

Mrs Zielke—Righto.

ANSWER:

51.7 per cent of Business Advisers are employed by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research and 48.3 per cent are employed by Partner Organisations.

The following table shows the number of Business Advisers allocated to each Centre.

| Centre | Departmental Business Advisers | Partner Organisation Business Advisers | Total Business Advisers |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| NSW Manufacturing Centre | 0 | 14 | 14 |
| VIC Manufacturing Centre | 2 | 10 | 12 |
| SA Manufacturing Centre | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| TAS Manufacturing Centre | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| WA Manufacturing Centre | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| QLD Manufacturing Centre | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| Remote Enterprise Centre | 3 | 0 | 3 |

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| Mining Technology Innovation Centre | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| Clean Energy Innovation Centre | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Innovative Regions Centre* | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Creative Industries Innovation Centre | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| Defence Industry Innovation Centre | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Total | 45 | 42 | 87 |

* The Innovative Regions Centre has Facilitators rather than Business Advisers.