

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Automotive/Information Communication and Technology/Textile, Clothing and Footwear/Food and Grocery

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Eggleston

**QUESTION No.:** AI-3

- a. In respect to each of the Automotive, TCF, Information Communication and Technology (ICT), Food and Grocery, and manufacturing industries what does the Department consider to be the major immediate challenges facing each of them over the next 3 years?
- b. In respect to each of the manufacturing industry, Automotive industry, TCF industry, Information Communication and Technology (ICT) industry and Food and Grocery industry can you provide details of the number of persons employed as at the end of 2007 and the end of 2009?
- c. In respect to each of the manufacturing industry, automotive industry, TCF industry, Information Communication and Technology (ICT) industry and Food and Grocery industry what are their export earnings in respect of each of the last 3 years?

**ANSWER**

- a. See answer to AI-2.
- b. Automotive  
November 2007: 58,937 persons were employed in motor vehicle and motor vehicle part manufacturing.  
November 2009: 50,188 persons were employed in motor vehicle and motor vehicle part manufacturing.  
(Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics catalogue 6291)  
  
Textile, Clothing and Footwear  
Four-quarter average total employment at:  
November 2007: 52,361 persons  
November 2009: 50,408 persons  
(Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics catalogue 6291)

Information Communication and Technology

The Australian Computer Society reports Total Information Communication and Technology workers in Australia at January 2008 at 514,000.

The figure at February 2009 (most recent available) is 532,500.

(Sources: Australian Computer Society: The ICT Industry Report January 2008 & Australian ICT Statistical Compendium 2009)

Food and Grocery

No comment. This Department does not deal with the Food and Grocery industry on a sectoral basis.

c. Automotive

<b>Automotive</b>	2007	2008	2009
Exports (\$billion)	\$5.112	\$5.797	\$3.123

(Source: DFAT STARS database)

Textile, Clothing and Footwear

<b>Textile, Clothing and Footwear</b>	2007	2008	2009
Exports (\$billion)	\$2.265	\$2.138	\$1.688

(Sources: ABS)

Information Communication and Technology

<b>Information Communication and Technology</b>	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Exports (\$billion)	\$5.77	\$5.051	\$5.492

(Sources: ABS trade data on DFAT STARS Database & ABS publications: 5368.0 + 5302.)

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