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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Australian Industry Participation National Framework

REFERENCE: Written Question –Senator Eggleston

QUESTION No.: AI-35

In respect to **Australian Industry Participation National Framework:**

- (1) What is the stated purpose of program?
- (2) When did the program commence and when is it scheduled to end?
- (3) How much money has been budgeted for the program for each year of the program?
- (4) How much funds have been spent to-date on the program for each year of the program?
- (5) Is the program on schedule and on budget?
- (6) How are funds appropriated to the program allocated?
- (7) Is spending under the program subject to guidelines and/or ministerial decision?
- (8) If there are no guidelines governing spending how is it governed?
- (9) Have all funds been allocated in accordance with the guidelines?
- (10) Where ministerial approval of payments is required – have any payments or amount of payment been made, or not made, contrary to Departmental recommendations?
- (11) Is the Department aware of any situation where funds have not been spent in accordance with the guidelines or any other requirement regarding the use of the funds?
- (12) Has any situation arisen requiring the recovery by the Government of funds paid by the government?
- (13) What amount has the Department spent in administering the program in each of the years of the programs operation?

ANSWER

- (1) This information is publicly available at <http://www.innovation.gov.au/Section/Industry/Pages/AustralianIndustryParticipationNationalFramework.aspx> and also from <http://www.innovation.gov.au/Section/Industry/Documents/AIPFramework20040415141710.pdf>

A number of initiatives support the objectives of the Australian Industry Participation National Framework. These include the Supplier Access to Major Projects Program, Industry Capability Network Limited and the Enhanced Project By-law Scheme. In July 2009 the Government announced a package of enhanced Australian Industry Participation initiatives. Information on these initiatives can be found at

<http://www.innovation.gov.au/Section/Industry/Pages/AustralianIndustryParticipationAIP.aspx>

(2) The Australian Industry Participation National Framework (AIP National Framework) was signed by Australian, State and Territory Industry Ministers in April 2001 and has no end date. Sourced from:

<http://www.innovation.gov.au/Section/Industry/Pages/AustralianIndustryParticipationNationalFramework.aspx>

(3) The Australian Industry Participation National Framework is an ongoing national policy agreement. There are no funds specifically for this agreement. Note that in July 2009, the Australian Government announced \$19.1 million in funding over four years to boost Australian industry participation, including \$2.5 million over four years to apply the Australian Industry Participation National Framework to major Commonwealth procurement and infrastructure projects.

(4) The Australian Industry Participation National Framework is an ongoing national policy agreement.

(5) Not applicable.

(6) The Australian Industry Participation National Framework is an ongoing national policy agreement. There are no funds appropriated specifically for the Australian Industry Participation National Framework agreement. Information on Australian Industry Participation programs can be found through

<http://www.innovation.gov.au/Section/Industry/Pages/AustralianIndustryParticipationAIP.aspx>

(7) The Australian Industry Participation National Framework is an ongoing national policy agreement.

(8) The Australian Industry Participation National Framework is an ongoing national policy agreement.

(9) Not applicable.

(10) Not applicable.

(11) Not applicable.

(12) Not applicable.

(13) The Department's expenditure in providing Australian Industry Participation policy advice and managing Industry Capability Network Limited and Supplier Access to Major Projects programs is:

2007–08 (from 26 Nov 2007):	\$324 219.49	(GST exclusive)
2008–09:	\$539 176.96	(GST exclusive)
2009–10 (to 31 Jan 2010):	\$411 960.82	(GST exclusive)