

**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:** AusIndustry Programs

**REFERENCE:** Written Question - Senator Eggleston

**QUESTION No:** AI-42

For each of the AusIndustry programs;

- a. What is their budget?
- b. What is the staff numbers by position and location?
- c. Does the program operate independently of other programs?
- d. Where are the programs located?
- e. Is there any sharing of staff, offices, IT or administration with any other program, is so, provide details?
- f. Is there any overlap/commonality between users of the services provided by each of the Business Enterprise Centres, Enterprise Connect, AusIndustry and the Industry capability Network and Supplier Access to Major Projects Program?

**ANSWER:**

- a. Budgets listed at Attachment A (GST exclusive)

b, c & d

AusIndustry is a nationally networked organisation with 22 offices across Australia – seven state and territory offices and 15 in regional centres. The majority of AusIndustry programs are available to business Australia wide and are delivered across the network i.e. each office is involved in program delivery in their geographical area. AusIndustry manages it's delivery resources flexibly to meet peaks and troughs in demand and the variability of resource use over the life of a program rather than allocating a precise number of staff to each program. A breakdown of staff by office location is at Attachment B.

- e. Yes, see answer to b, c and d above.

f. The listed programs/entities have different, and complementary, functions and objectives. There may be companies that access different programs and/or services available through Business Enterprise Centres, Enterprise Connect, AusIndustry and the Industry Capability Network. The Supplier Access to Major Projects program does not fund companies. It funds existing networks, predominantly the state industry Capability Network offices, to connect Australian companies with major project supply opportunities.

**Program Budget (includes programs with appropriated budgets/excludes revenue foregone programs)**

**Attachment A**

|                                                                     | Budget Allocation (\$'000) |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                                                     | Administered               |
| <b>Program 1.1: Industry Development and Investment</b>             |                            |
| Automotive Transformation Scheme (capped)                           | 2,500,000                  |
| Automotive Transformation Scheme (other admin)                      | 96                         |
| BESB                                                                | 94,606                     |
| Green Building Fund                                                 | 87,173                     |
| Geelong Innovation & Investment Fund*                               | 11,997                     |
| IIF SA (Electrolux)*                                                | 25,000                     |
| LPG Vehicle Scheme                                                  | 896,748                    |
| NETIIF                                                              | 3,700                      |
| NWNTIIF*                                                            | 16,290                     |
| Retooling for Climate Change                                        | 56,000                     |
| Small Business Advisory Service                                     | 44,672                     |
| Small Business Online Program                                       | 14,491                     |
| SA IIF*                                                             | 25,585                     |
| Small Business Support Line                                         | 4,463                      |
| SAFSA Structural Adjustment Fund*                                   | 36,400                     |
| TCF - Competitive Grants to BIC                                     | 30,670                     |
| <b>Total Program 1.1</b>                                            | <b>3,847,891</b>           |
| <b>Program 1.2: Innovative Industry</b>                             |                            |
| CBA- Climate Ready Program - Grants                                 | 78,500                     |
| Commercial Ready                                                    | 879,130                    |
| Commercialisation Australia                                         | 839,555                    |
| COMET                                                               | 107,900                    |
| Green Car Innovation Fund                                           | 1,221,205                  |
| ICIP                                                                | 22,444                     |
| Innovation in Climate Change                                        | 0                          |
| R&D Tax Credit                                                      | 26,857                     |
| <b>Total Program 1.2 (Innovative Industry)</b>                      | <b>3,175,591</b>           |
| <b>Special Appropriations</b>                                       |                            |
| TCF - Clothing & Household Textile Building Innovative Capability # | 600,000                    |
| TCF - Small Business Program                                        | 25,000                     |
| Automotive Transformation Scheme (uncapped)                         | 847,000                    |
| <b>Total Special Appropriations</b>                                 | <b>1,472,000</b>           |
| <b>Administered Capital</b>                                         |                            |
| Competitive Pre-seed Funding                                        | 72,710                     |
| IIF                                                                 | 518,706                    |
| <b>Total Administered Capital</b>                                   | <b>591,416</b>             |
|                                                                     |                            |
| <b>Total AusIndustry - Expenditure Only</b>                         | <b>9,086,898</b>           |

Note:

**Budget Allocation is for the life of the program that can vary from program to program.**

\* State Governments are also contributing to these programs which are not included in the above figures **source for this is the Ministerial Announcements for the program**

#. Formerly TCF Post 2005

Average Staffing Level - 390.23 (as at 31/1/10)

Breakdown by classification:

SES - 5

Non-SES - 385.23

Breakdown by location:

154.97– Canberra (including ACT State Office)

235.26 – States & Regions

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| National Office – Canberra  | 147.53        |
| ACT State Office - Canberra | 7.44          |
| Sydney                      | 55.49         |
| Newcastle                   | 2             |
| Tamworth                    | 1             |
| Wagga Wagga                 | 1             |
| Wollongong                  | 1             |
| Melbourne                   | 95.42         |
| Ballarat                    | 1             |
| Bendigo                     | 1             |
| Traralgon                   | 1             |
| Brisbane                    | 22            |
| Bundaberg                   | 1             |
| Gold Coast                  | 2             |
| Townsville                  | 2             |
| Adelaide                    | 16.10         |
| Port Augusta                | 1             |
| Mount Gambier               | 1             |
| Darwin                      | 2             |
| Perth                       | 17.50         |
| Bunbury                     | 1             |
| Hobart                      | 9.75          |
| Launceston                  | 1             |
|                             | <b>390.23</b> |