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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Industry Capability Network Program

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Eggleston

QUESTION No.: AI-43

For each of the **Industry Capability Network (ICN) 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. Industry Capability Network Limited is an independent company that receives funding from the Australian Government through the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research. The Australian Government has provided funding of \$1.0 million (GST exclusive) in 2009-10, with funding of \$1.0 million (GST exclusive) committed for 2010-11 and 2011-12.
- b. Industry Capability Network Limited is an independent company. Information about Industry Capability Network Limited's staffing arrangements can be found in the Industry Capability Network Limited Annual Report 2009 which is available on the Industry Capability Network Limited website at www.icn.org.au.
- c. Industry Capability Network Limited operates in conjunction with the Supplier Access to Major Projects Program. Industry Capability Network Limited administers the Supplier Access to Major Projects Program.
- d. Industry Capability Network Limited is based in Canberra. Information about Industry Capability Network Limited is publicly available at <http://www.innovation.gov.au/Section/Industry/Pages/IndustryCapabilityNetworkLimited.aspx>

- e. Industry Capability Network Limited is an independent company funded by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research and State, Territory and New Zealand governments through their respective Industry Capability Network offices. Industry Capability Network Limited's resources are shared amongst tasks related to nationally coordinating the state-based Industry Capability Network, managing the national database of industry capabilities and project opportunities, and administering the Supplier Access to Major Projects program.
- 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.