**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Supplier Access to Major Projects Program

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Eggleston

**QUESTION No.:** AI-44

For each of the **Supplier Access to Major Projects 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. The funding allocated for the Supplier Access to Major Projects Program is:
    2009–10:    $2.537 million (GST exclusive)
    2010–11:    $3.306 million (GST exclusive)
    2011–12:    $3.306 million (GST exclusive)
    2012–13:    $3.306 million (GST exclusive)

b. The Supplier Access to Major Projects program funds existing networks, such as the state-based Industry Capability Network. The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research does not have information on staff numbers for these service providers.

c. The Supplier Access to Major Projects program operates in conjunction with Industry Capability Network Limited. Industry Capability Network Limited administers the Supplier Access to Major Projects program.

d. The Supplier Access to Major Projects program is administered by Industry Capability Network Limited, which is based in Canberra. The program funds existing networks, predominantly state-based Industry Capability Network offices, which are located in states and territories. Information about Supplier Access to Major Projects is publicly available at http://www.innovation.gov.au/Section/Industry/Pages/SupplierAccessToMajorProjectsSAMPProgram.aspx .

e.  The Supplier Access to Major Projects program is administered by Industry Capability Network Limited.  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.