

**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:** Portfolio programs

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Colbeck

**QUESTION No.:** AI-80

Some parliamentarians recently received a letter and accompanying pack from the Minister titled 'Important information for your local area'. How many people were sent this letter and pack, and what was the cost of producing them?

**ANSWER**

All parliamentarians, both House of Representatives and Senate members, were sent information pertaining to small business and industry programs and initiatives managed by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research on 7 February 2011.

Approximately 226 packs were sent. The details and electorate addresses of these parliamentarians were obtained from [www.aph.gov.au](http://www.aph.gov.au).

Information material included in these packs was not printed specifically for the mail out. The material was sourced from pre-existing printed marketing material.

The postage of the items was managed within the pre-existing contract with Australia Post.

There was no specific budgetary allocation set aside for this activity.