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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Manufacturing Cabinet Minister

REFERENCE: Written Question –Senators Bushby

QUESTION No.: AI-120

Prior to the Ministerial reshuffle of 12 December 2011, when was the last time in Australian history that the Minister responsible for manufacturing policy was not a member of Cabinet?

ANSWER

Cabinet membership is a matter for the Government and questions relating to Ministerial responsibilities should be addressed to the Prime Minister.

As a result of the Administrative Arrangements Orders issued on 9 February 2012 the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education is responsible for a range of matters including manufacturing. The Ministry announced by the Prime Minister on 12 December 2011 and 2 March 2012 allocated responsibility for industry and innovation, which includes manufacturing, to the Minister for Industry and Innovation.