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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: Small business staffing numbers

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Ryan

QUESTION No.: AI-208

Can you confirm all 23 staff in Small Business Unit are based in the Canberra Office (10 Binara Street Canberra). Can you provide a breakdown of which staff work on which projects/areas within the Small Business Division?

ANSWER

As at 29 February 2012 there were 90 staff working in the Industry and Small Business Policy Division and they are all based in the Canberra office.

There is no small business unit of the Division. Small business issues are considered across the Division.

The Industry and Small Business Policy Division consists of the following Branches/Sections:

Industry Policy and Economic Analysis Branch

- Economic Conditions
- Economic Analysis
- Service Economy and Infrastructure
- Industry, Energy and Environment Policy
- Policy Metrics

Small Business and Deregulation Branch

- Regulation Reform
- Independent Contractors
- Procurement and Disputes

Business Conditions Branch

- Competition
- Program Policy and Access
- Finance and Strategic Policy

Executive

- Divisional Support Unit

ABN Program Office