

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Pre-election consultations

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: AI-157

1. Given the election date has now been publicly announced by the Prime Minister, from what date will the Secretary make staff from within the IISRTE portfolio agencies and the Department available to the Opposition for the purpose of pre-election consultations?
2. From whom has the Secretary specifically sought and/or taken advice on this issue; has that included legal advice of any kind; and on what date(s) did he seek this advice?

ANSWER

1. In line with the Guidelines for pre-election consultation with the Opposition, officials from the IICCSRTE portfolio will be available for pre-election consultation from 27 June 2013. .
2. Advice on this issue was provided by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.