

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC)

TOPIC: Australian Research Council – Industrial Transformation Research Program (ITRP)

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: AI-166

1. On what date was the ARC first informed (and by whom) that the Industrial Transformation Research Program would be listed as a spending commitment by the Government as part of the ‘Innovation and Industry Statement’ that it announced on 17 February 2013?
2. Does the ARC still have lead administrative responsibility for the rollout of this program? If not, to which agency (or agencies) has that responsibility passed and when?
3. Since the original announcement of that program in 2011, how much of the money initially allocated to the program has been (a) spent and (b) cut? Of the money spent, for what purpose(s) has it specifically been committed?

ANSWER

1. The ARC became aware that the Industrial Transformation Research Program (ITRP) funding would be utilised to support partnerships between research and industry in the context of the Industry and Innovation Statement on 16 August 2012.
2. Yes.
3. Nil.