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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: The Enabling Technology Futures

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: AI-169

The Enabling Technology Futures report was delivered to the Department in the second half of 2012. Has the Department and/or Government formally responded to that report – and, if not, is there any intention from either to act on it, especially when PAES shows that funding for the National Enabling Technologies Strategy is scheduled to come to an end in June?

ANSWER

The Department commissioned the Australian Institute of Commercialisation to prepare the Enabling Technology Futures report on the recommendation of the National Enabling Technologies Strategy Expert Forum. The report is intended to inform the work of all stakeholders relevant to emerging technologies. It does not make any recommendations to Government and there is no requirement for the Government or Department to formally respond to it.

The report has and will continue to inform the National Enabling Technologies Strategy and will continue to be used to inform work both in and outside of government after June 2013. Many of the issues raised in the report have relevance beyond the fields of emerging technologies and are addressed by a range of policies and programs including the Government's recent Industry and Innovation Statement.