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TOPIC: Chief Scientist – Government response to Health of Australian Science report

REFERENCE: Written Question - McKenzie

QUESTION No.: AI-178

Please provide an update on the Government's response to Professor Chubb's Health of Australian Science report.

ANSWER

The Health of Australian Science report did not make recommendations to which the Government might respond. The report was initiated by Professor Chubb when he commenced his term as Chief Scientist, and was not undertaken at Government request. The report provides an evidence base to assess the strengths and vulnerabilities of the Australian science system and has informed subsequent Government initiatives such as the Australian Research Committee's National Research Investment Plan.