

**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:** Chief Scientist – Prime Minister’s Science, Engineering and Innovation Council

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Mason

**QUESTION No.:** AI-70

At its 24th meeting held on 9 July 2012, the Prime Minister’s Science, Engineering and Innovation Council (PMSEIC) defined its “three-year forward work program, which will include consideration of reports prepared by the Australian Council of Learned Academies under the overarching theme of ‘Securing Australia’s Future’ ” (Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education, ‘Twenty-Fourth PMSEIC Meeting – 9 July 2012’, Media Release, 9 July 2012).

- a) What specific activities are involved in the three-year forward work program?
- b) Will the three-year forward work program be publicly released?

Has the PMSEIC commissioned any projects to be undertaken by the Australian Council of Learned Academies with respect to the “Securing Australia’s Future” program?

**ANSWER**

The Australian Council of Learned Academies (ACoLA) has been tasked with delivering the Securing Australia’s Future program. Six projects currently exist under the program, with scope for new projects over the next two years. The forward work program is publicly available at <http://www.acola.org.au/ACOLA/index.php/projects/securing-australia-s-future>. The reports delivered by the program will be presented to the Prime Minister’s Science Engineering and Innovation Council as they are completed and will be publicly released by ACoLA.