

**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 – Senator Mason

**QUESTION No.:** AI-71

According to a summary of the 25th meeting of the Prime Minister’s Science, Engineering and Innovation Council (PMSEIC), the Chief Scientist has been asked to provide advice to the PMSEIC about “breakthrough actions that the Australian government could take to enhance innovation” (Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education, ‘Twenty-Fifth PMSEIC Meeting – 13 December 2012’, Media Release, 13 December 2012). In response to its consultation process regarding this issue, the Chief Scientist is said to have received “65 written responses offering a wide range of opinions, with many presenting consistent themes and issues”.

a) What are the “consistent themes and issues” in the submissions?

Will the submissions be made public? If so, when?

**ANSWER**

The themes and issues are articulated in the five breakthrough actions listed in the PMSEIC paper. The paper is publicly available at [http://www.chiefscientist.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/Item\\_3-Breakthrough-Actions.pdf](http://www.chiefscientist.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/Item_3-Breakthrough-Actions.pdf).

The individual submissions will not be made public because people providing them were not advised that their views would be publicly released.