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

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Mason

QUESTION No.: AI-72

The summary of the 25th meeting of the Prime Minister’s Science, Engineering and Innovation Council (PMSEIC) states that the Chief Scientist will also provide advice on “a process for setting national research priorities for Australia”.

Will this advice be integrated with the Australian Research Committee’s work (National Research Investment Plan, page 83) on developing strategic research priorities to replace the national research priorities?

ANSWER

Yes. The Chief Scientist is also chair of the Australian Research Committee, which has responsibility for the development of the strategic research priorities.