

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Chief Scientist – Forum of Australian Chief Scientists

**REFERENCE:** Written Question - Mason

**QUESTION No.:** AI-73

With respect to the Forum of Australian Chief Scientists:

- a) How often does the Forum meet?
- b) What specifically has the Forum done in the last 12 months and what has been the outcome of its meetings?
- c) When is the Forum's next meeting?
- d) What is the Forum's agenda for the future?

**ANSWER**

- a) The Forum meets to a variable timetable, but with typically two meetings per year.
- b) The purpose of the Forum is to exchange information between the State/Territory Chief Scientists and with the Commonwealth Chief Scientist on matters relating to science and technology at the state and Commonwealth levels.
- c) The next meeting of the Forum is scheduled for 16 July 2013.
- d) There is no current or future work program specified for the Forum.