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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Australian Research committee – operation of the national research investment plan

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Mason

QUESTION No.: AI-84

According to page 86 of the National Research Investment Plan, the Australian Research Committee has undertaken to:

- a) provide advice on a whole-of-government approach for opening access to the outputs and data from publicly funded research;
- b) propose measures to ensure the quality, quantity and skills of research trained staff will meet demand; and
- c) provide advice on mechanisms to support strategic international collaboration.

When will each of these tasks be completed and what work has been done by the Australian Research Committee to address these tasks to date?

ANSWER

The Australian Research Committee will provide advice to the Government regarding these matters. Consideration of these matters by Government is expected to occur by the end of 2013.