

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio  
Budget Estimates 2004-2005, 31 May 2004 to 2 June 2004

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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES  
**OUTCOME/OUTPUT:** Outcome 2, Output 2.2  
**TOPIC:** HOWARD PARTNERS CONSULTANCY  
**REFERENCE:** HANSARD 31/5/04, PAGES E72-73

**QUESTION No.8**

(Hansard 31/5/04, pp.E72-73)

**Senator Carr** asked about:

In relation to the contract with Howard Partners to increase industry awareness of changes to the Cooperative Research Centres Program.

- a) How many days did the contract with Howard Partners run for?
- b) Were concerns raised by DEST about the appointment of Howard Partners?
- c) One of the CRCs actually bidding for money had on its web site as the contact person for the consultant and adviser the same Mr John Hamilton Howard? What was that CRC?

**ANSWER**

- a) The contract to build industry awareness of the revised orientation of the Cooperative Research Centres program ran for just over one month with the final report submitted to DITR on 19 February 2004 (36 days inclusive of weekends and start and finish days).
- b) DEST did not raise any objections to the appointment of Howard Partners.
- c) Howard Partners was involved in a notification of intent (NOI) for the application for a *CRC for Leadership and Management of Innovation in Food Manufacture*. This NOI did not continue through to application.