

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Square Kilometre Array

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Eggleston

**QUESTION No.** BI-14

When the Minister went to Europe to promote Australia's bid for the Square Kilometre Array telescope did he bother to tell anyone over there about his intention to axe vast sums of money from Australia's national science agency or did he keep this secret to himself? Was he concerned that his forthcoming budget cuts would look bad in the eyes of European officials?

**ANSWER**

No.