

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio  
Budget Estimates Hearing 2008-09  
2-3 June 2008

---

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Business Enterprise Centre Funding

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Abetz

**QUESTION No. BI-50**

What services were offered to small businesses through the Small Business Field Officer program?

**ANSWER**

Under the funding agreement, Small Business Field Officers were to provide general advisory and referral services to actual or potential small business owners and managers, including the provision of:

- Practical assistance for small businesses to access information and advice on relevant small business matters and support programs; and
- Information and assistance on issues of relevance to small business in a particular geographic area or region.