## **Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Business Enterprise Centre Funding

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Abetz

**QUESTION No. BI-58** 

How many small businesses contacted the Department or Minister requesting the introduction of this program?

## **ANSWER**

The decision in the 2008-09 Budget to fund 36 BECs reflects a commitment developed and announced, by the then Opposition, prior to the 2007 Election.