

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Business Enterprise Centre Funding

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Abetz

**QUESTION No. BI-59**

Did the direction for the funding, including the amount originate in the Minister's office? If not, where did it originate?

**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.