

**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-64

Will these service obligations include a requirement to support small business growth within a certain proximity to the BEC's physical location?

**ANSWER**

Proximity to the BEC's physical location is not a pre-requisite for access to funded BEC services. However, the funding agreement requires BECs to refer clients to the most appropriate BEC for assistance, as per BI-63 'National Referrals' above.