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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Business Enterprise Centre Funding

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Abetz

QUESTION No. BI-66

What relationship, if any, has the Department had with Business Enterprise Centres Australia in the preparation of service contracts?

ANSWER

BEC Australia was consulted during the preparation of the funding agreement template, but has had no participation, as a body, in specific contract negotiations with individual BECs.

The Department also presented at a conference with funding recipients, organised by BEC Australia, on Thursday 29 May 2008, to outline the draft funding agreement.