

**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:** A DATABASE OF NEW TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES DEVELOPING WORLD CLASS DIGITAL SECURITY SOLUTIONS

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Williams

**QUESTION No.:** BI-107

Does the Federal Government have a database of new technology companies developing world class digital security solutions?

**ANSWER**

The Federal Government funds Industry Capability Network Limited to maintain the national database of industry capabilities. This includes an IT and Communications Directory, where ICT companies can register their interest in existing or upcoming supply opportunities. The directory does not specifically identify companies that develop digital security solutions.

Austrade conducted a 2009 Survey of International Business Activities of the Australian ICT Sector to update Austrade's current understanding of the strategic directions, capabilities, and international business activities of the Australian ICT industry. Of the 1183 respondents who completed the survey, 96 identified that they offer security solutions. Together with our existing information on the activities and requirements of our ICT clients, these responses will inform the ongoing development of Austrade's services to, and activities with, this sector both in Australia and overseas.