

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** BEC Evaluations

**REFERENCE:** Written Question - Senator Ronaldson

**QUESTION No.:** BI-67

**Senator RONALDSON**—In that contractual arrangement did you stipulate the increase or the expansion that you required in relation to numbers of small businesses or businesses that were to be contacted or included in their operations?

**Mr Peel**—There was an expectation of expansion. I would have to take on notice the exact requirement that was specified in the contract.

**Senator RONALDSON**—If you could take on notice, please, for each particular contract what the performance indicators for an increase and expansion for each of those contracts were? Are there any BECs which have failed to increase or expand their services?

**Mr Peel**—There are no BECs that we have issues with.

**Senator RONALDSON**—That might be right, but are there any BECs which have failed to increase or expand their services?

**Mr Peel**—I do not believe so.

**Senator RONALDSON**—Do you want to take that on notice, or is that a no?

**Mr Peel**—I will take it on notice.

**ANSWER:**

**Senator RONALDSON**—If you could take on notice, please, for each particular contract what the performance indicators for an increase and expansion for each of those contracts were? Are there any BECs which have failed to increase or expand their services?

See BI-64 and BI-66.

**Senator RONALDSON**—Do you want to take that on notice, or is that a no?

No – there are no BECs which have failed to increase or expand their services.