

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

TOPIC: Minister's absence – Cabinet meeting

REFERENCE: Question on Notice (Hansard 1 June 2009, E73)

QUESTION No.: BI-72

Senator ABETZ—If it could be agreed without any objection. If the Chief Scientist were not available, that answers that, and we can move on without the need for a private hearing. But I also place on notice: when was the absent minister, Kim Carr, first advised of his need to be at a cabinet meeting this afternoon and when did he first advise this committee?

ANSWER

It is not appropriate to comment on matters pertaining to meetings of Cabinet and its Committees.