

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

**TOPIC:** Budget Night Presentation

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard 1 June 2009, E74)

**QUESTION No.:** BI-73

**Senator ABETZ**—Did the minister give a speech at Questacon on the day of the budget?

**Mr Paterson**—Yes.

**Senator ABETZ**—Was that after the budget had been delivered?

**Mr Paterson**—No. It was prior to the budget.

**Senator ABETZ**—At what time?

**Mr Paterson**—I do not recall precisely the time, but it was in a period immediately preceding.

**Senator ABETZ**—What was the criteria on which attendees were selected to attend?

**Mr Paterson**—I would have to take that on notice. It was a broad spread of portfolio interests. There was a lockup requirement applied to that gathering. All people who attended that event attended on the clear understanding that they had no electronic devices on their person—they were all handed in—and no-one was allowed to leave the lockup until after 7.30 pm on budget night.

**ANSWER**

The attendees for the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research budget night briefing were sourced from the Department's stakeholder listings. These stakeholders included industry groups and associations, advisory boards /councils, key research agencies and universities, portfolio agencies, members of the science and research communities and other key stakeholder corporations and associations.