

**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:** BANK COMPLAINTS CLEARING HOUSE

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard 1 June 2009, E 77-78)

**QUESTION No.:** BI-78

**Senator RONALDSON:** Who typed up the communiqué from the Roundtable? Was the communiqué prepared at the Roundtable or somewhere else?

**ANSWER**

The Minister for Small Business, Independent Contractors and the Service Economy, the Hon Dr Craig Emerson MP, facilitated a roundtable discussion between bank representatives and small business organisations on 6 March 2009 to discuss credit flow to small business against the background of the global financial crisis. A joint Communiqué was finalised at the roundtable and released on the same day.