

**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:** Blogs Monitoring

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard 1 June 2009, E85)

**QUESTION No.:** BI-83

**Senator Abetz** - ....do we monitor blogs?

**Mr Paterson** - I will take that on notice.

**ANSWER**

The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research does not pay for the monitoring of blogs nor does it have in place any formal arrangements to monitor blogs within its contracted media monitoring services. Various sections of the Department may informally monitor blogs related to their areas of responsibility, in order to stay informed of public discussion and debate.