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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: International Science Linkages program

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Colbeck

QUESTION No.: BI-130

- 1) Has the Department or Minister's office received representations from Embassies and/or High Commissions in Canberra in relation to the termination of the program?
- 2) If so, how many, from whom and what has been conveyed about the decision?

ANSWER

- 1) Yes, after the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (the department) initiated contact with key personnel from the Japanese embassy in Canberra in relation to the termination of the International Science Linkages program, the Japanese embassy made a formal representation to the department.
- 2) Only Japan made a representation to the department; however following the outcomes of the 2011-12 Budget, the department contacted key country stakeholders from the following countries in relation to the termination of the International Science Linkages program:
 - European Union
 - France
 - Japan
 - Germany
 - Italy

The department conveyed to these key stakeholders that the International Science Linkages program was scheduled to cease operations on 30 June 2011, and that the Australian Government is not instituting a replacement program at this point in time.