

**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

**QUESTION RECEIVED BY DEPARTMENT ON MONDAY 1 AUGUST 2011**

**TOPIC:** Support for innovation in small business.

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Boyce

**QUESTION No.:** BI-138

- 1) What is the level of collaboration between small business in Australia and the research sector compared with the OECD average?
- 2) What percentage of the government's total innovation budget supports the establishment of such collaboration and de-risking of technology?
- 3) How many SMEs have accessed R&D through RiB and why isn't more being done to encourage greater uptake of publicly funded R&D by small business?
- 4) What is the total and the proportion of Enterprise Connect funding that results in "new to the industry" or "new to the world" innovation?

**ANSWER**

Please refer to the response provided to Parliamentary Question on Notice 702 asked by Senator Boyce on 22 June 2011. Senate Hansard 17 August 2011, page 107.