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TOPIC: International Science Linkages program

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Senator Colbeck - On what basis was the International Science Linkages program abolished in the budget?

Mr Paterson: We talked earlier about terminating programs, Senator. I am not sure if you were here for the conversation we had.

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Senator COLBECK: So there have been two full reviews of the program.

Ms Lansdown: That is right.

Senator COLBECK: One earlier in 2003 and one recently. I think I am right. There is an earlier review of the full program and there has been one recent one, which evaluated the whole lot. In between, there have been some reviews of elements of the program?

Ms Lansdown: Yes.

Senator COLBECK: You do not know how many of them there might have been?

Ms Lansdown: I think we would have to take that on notice.

ANSWER

There have been two full reviews of the International Science Linkages program:

- *Evaluation of the Innovation Access Programme - International Science and Technology, Final Report* (Allen Consulting, 2003). (The Innovation Access Programme became the International Science Linkages program from July 2004); and
- *Evaluation of the International Science Linkages Program* (Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, 2011).

Various components of the International Science Linkages program have been subject to separate reviews and studies, which have been commissioned by a number of organisations. The department did not commission or undertake these reviews and studies and therefore can not advise on all reviews and studies that have been undertaken; however they include:

- *Impact of the ISL – Science Academies Program, A Five Year Self Assessment* (Australian Academy of Technological Science and Engineering, 2010); and
- *Review of the International Exchange Programs of the Australian Academy of Science* (Foursight Associates, 2009).