

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: Department Programs

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Mason

QUESTION No.: BI-69

Could the Department provide a complete list of all administered programs in the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (in a format whereby this information may readily be updated in the future) -including in each case:

- 1) a description of the program;
- 2) the policy objective of the program;
- 3) the date the program was first formally announced as a Government initiative (and the specific source of that announcement), and the date the program actually commenced;
- 4) whether the program is ongoing and if not, the specific date when it is due to expire;
- 5) please provide an indication of whether an evaluation of the program's effectiveness has been conducted (whether internally or externally) and:
 - (a) if so, when the most recent evaluation occurred;
 - (b) if so, the conclusion or recommendations of that evaluation;
 - (c) if not, when an evaluation is scheduled; and
 - (d) if an evaluation has not been scheduled, the reasons for this?
- 6) whether the Australian National Audit Office has conducted (or indicated that it proposes to conduct) a performance audit of the program, and if so;
 - (a) when the most recent ANAO evaluation occurred;
 - (b) the conclusion or recommendations of that performance audit;
 - (c) the Department's response to that audit and its conclusion or recommendations;
- 7) the specific appropriation source for the program;
- 8) the funding in each financial year of the current forward estimates for the program (with a breakdown of administered and departmental expenses) including:
 - (a) how much funding has been allocated for the program; and
 - (b) how much is committed under the program;
- 9) projected overspends and/or underspends in each program for the year 2010-11 (to 30 June), including (where appropriate), details, elements or components of each program where overspending or underspending will occur and reasons for each variance;

10) in the case of programs where funding is provided to individual recipients (eg universities or research institutes), whether any overfunding has been recovered, or is expected to be recovered by 30 June 2011 , the total amount of overpayments, and the total amount recovered or expected to be recovered .

ANSWER

A complete list of all program information for 2010-11 Administered Programs with funding in the 2011-12 Budget year and across the forward estimates is provided at Attachment A – QON BI-69. For answers to questions (1) to (4), refer to Attachment A – QON BI-69.

A complete list of all program evaluations for 2010-11 Administered Programs with funding in the 2011-12 Budget year and across the forward estimates is provided at Attachment B – QON BI-69. For an answer to question (5), refer to Attachment B – QON BI-69.

A complete list of all ANAO performance audit information for 2010-11 Administered Programs with funding in the 2011-12 Budget year and across the forward estimates is provided at Attachment C – QON BI-69. For an answer to question (6), refer to Attachment C – QON BI-69.

A complete list of all 2010-11 Administered Programs with funding in the 2011-12 Budget year and across the forward estimates is provided at Attachment D – QON BI-69. For answers to questions (7) to (10), refer to Attachment D – QON BI-69. Explanations for variances between 2010-11 budgeted and actual expenditure have been provided for variances of 10 per cent or more and greater than \$1 million.