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

TOPIC: International Science Linkages Program

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: BI-236

There is still no publicly announced decision from the Government on a successor program to International Science Linkages. Has the Department been advised by the Government of any plan(s) for the implementation of a replacement program – and, if so, what is it and when will it begin?

ANSWER

There are no current plans for a successor program to the International Science Linkages (ISL) program. The Government has opened a range of mainstream programs and activities to international co-operation including activities of the Australian Research Council, CSIRO and Co-operative Research Centres. The department continues to manage and develop, bilateral science and technology funds with India and China and to pursue bilateral relationships more broadly including with Japan the EU and the US.