

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Food Technology Fund

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Mckenzie

**QUESTION No.:** BI-130

1. How much of the \$150m for food is earmarked for Victoria?
2. Is there any weighting for location in the assessment of applications?

**ANSWER**

1. Funding for the Clean Technology Food and Foundries Investment Program is split with \$150 million for the food component and \$50 million for the foundries component. There is no State or regional funding allocations.
2. There is no specific weighting for location in the assessment of applications. However, for grants of \$1.5 million or more, applicants must address Merit Criterion 4 “The contribution of the proposed project to a competitive low carbon, Australian manufacturing industry and the benefits to a broader Australian economy”. In addressing this criterion, applicants may refer to the contribution of the proposed project towards regional economies. This criterion is scored out of 20 and the application is scored overall out of 120.