Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Staffing

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QUESTION No.: BI-62

Senator COLBECK: How many Enterprise Connect staff are currently based in Canberra?

Ms Zielke: We currently have 42.8 staff that are Canberra based.

Senator COLBECK: Has that changed since the program started in 2008?

Ms Zielke: I expect that it has changed. It has gone up. By how much, I am afraid I would need to

take on notice.

Senator COLBECK: How many are on the pay roll in any form outside Canberra?

Ms Zielke: We have 42 business advisers and 54 other staff across the program that are employed by the department. We have a range of partner organisation arrangements whereby business advisers are actually employed by industry associations.

Senator COLBECK: Do you know how many business advisers would come through that

category?

Ms Zielke: Fifty-five.

Senator COLBECK: In partner organisations?

Ms Zielke: Yes.

Senator COLBECK: I would not expect you to have the support staff as part of that process,

would you?

Ms Zielke: The support staff are already in the figures that I quoted.

Senator COLBECK: In that 54?

Ms Zielke: Yes.

Senator COLBECK: You might have to take this on notice too. I am interested in the change since

2008.

Ms Zielke: Yes, Senator. I will take that on notice.

ANSWER

Please refer to the following table for a comparison of Enterprise Connect Staff (ASL) between 2008-09 and 2011-12.

| | 2008-09 | 2011-12 |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Canberra Based Staff | 47 | 44 |
| State Based Staff | 41 | 54 |
| DIISRTE Employed Business Advisers | 26 | 42 |
| Total | 114 | 140 |