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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: Manufacturing Technology Innovation Centre

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: BI-137

On what date did Minister Combet or his office first directly communicate with CSIRO on any of the details of the establishment of the Manufacturing Technology Innovation Centre – and with whom at CSIRO?

ANSWER

Minister Combet's Budget media release of 8 May 2012 announcing the establishment of the Manufacturing Technology Innovation Centre, stated that the Prime Minister's Taskforce on Manufacturing will consult with industry on implementation of this initiative.
<http://minister.innovation.gov.au/gregcombet/MediaReleases/Pages/NewInnovationCentreToHelpPowerAustralianManufacturing.aspx>.

The CSIRO is a member of the Prime Minister's Taskforce on Manufacturing.

Any discussions Minister Combet had with CSIRO prior to the announcement were conducted “in confidence”.