

**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:** Manufacturing Industry

**REFERENCE:** Written Question–Senator Colbeck.

**QUESTION No.:** SI-80

What types of benchmarks does the Department use to measure the success of its policies and programs in assisting the manufacturing industry?

**ANSWER**

The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research measures the success of its policies and programs in assisting the manufacturing industry by the use of key performance indicators. It designs, approves and implements all its policy and program initiatives, including those that assist manufacturing industry, using outcome-focused metrics as key performance indicators that comply with the rigorous three-tier legal accounting framework for managing public moneys. The key performance indicators are tailored to each program/policy initiative and are usually monitored on a quarterly basis to assess the ongoing performance of the program.

The initiatives are evaluated at their mid-term and conclusion to ensure that they meet their intent.

Policies and programs are designed, approved, implemented and evaluated against outcomes and objectives that are described in the Department's Portfolio Budget Statements. The majority of initiatives to assist the manufacturing industry fall into the Department's outcome 1, program 1.1 (more details can be found in the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio Budget Statements 2010-11, pages 23-34.)

They are reported against each year in the Department's annual report which also provides a synopsis on program and policy evaluations carried out for the year.