Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND

RESEARCH

TOPIC: INNOVATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

REFERENCE: Written Question - Senator Colbeck

QUESTION No.: SI-100

Does the Department offer anything called 'Innovation Scholarship Awards'? If so, how many of them are there; how much are they worth; over what period are they made available; and from what program or line item in the Federal Budget is the funding for them drawn?

ANSWER

The Innovation Scholarship Award is being piloted for 2011-12. The Award aimed at APS6 and EL1 employees, is designed to provide opportunities to undertake professional and personal development activities.

Nine scholarships were awarded with a total value of approximately \$127,220 (including travel costs). The scholarships are expected to be undertaken in the 12 month period from September 2011.

Funding for the scholarships is drawn from departmental appropriation.