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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: BER PROGRAM

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Colbeck

QUESTION No.: SI-118

What formal representations did this Department make to the Department of Education about encouraging and improving local industry participation in the BER program?

ANSWER

The Department consulted the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations on the Building the Education Revolution program and encouraged the identification of opportunities for small business. The Department notes the Building the Education Revolution Guidelines stipulate that “at the earliest practicable stage, states, territories and Block Grant Authorities (BGAs) should endeavour to identify and communicate opportunities in local areas for tradespeople and other small businesses”.