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

TOPIC: AUSTRALIA'S TCF INDUSTRIES

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Colbeck

QUESTION No.: SI-138

1. How many jobs have been lost in Australia's TCF industry since the start of 2010?
2. Does the Department do any work to track what happens to TCF employees in Australia who have lost their jobs in the industry?
3. By what measures do the Government and the Department evaluate the success or otherwise of the TCF Strategic Capability Program?

ANSWER

1. According to data provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, TCF employment has fallen from 46,900 in February 2010 to 41,900 in August 2011. Based on advice from the ABS, the quoted figures are four quarter rolling averages.
2. The Department works closely with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations who monitor redundant workers that register for employment services provided by Job Services Australia under the TCF Structural Adjustment Program.
3. The Department evaluates programs in accordance with its Best Practice Evaluation Handbook. The program is evaluated against criteria including efficiency, effectiveness, appropriateness and value for money.

The Department regularly monitors individual projects through AusIndustry to ensure milestones are met prior to processing of payments.