## **Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012 19 October 2011

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

**TOPIC:** INSPIRING AUSTRALIA, A NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE SCIENCE

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Nash

**QUESTION No.:** SI-43

Will the Department initiative – *Inspiring Australia*, a national strategy for engagement with the sciences replace funding for existing project?

## **ANSWER**

The *Inspiring Australia* program replaces Science Connections Program SCOPE (which operated from 2006 and concluded in June 2011) and commenced operations in July 2011.