

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** SCOPE PROGRAM

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Colbeck

**QUESTION No.:** SI-46

1. Funding for various initiatives and activities under the old SCOPE program would presumably have ceased on 30 June 2011. Have any of those activities not been refunded – and, if so, which ones?
2. When responsibility for the SCOPE program was transferred from Science Division into Questacon, was there a change in ASL in the relevant section – and, if so, by how much did it change?

**ANSWER**

1. *Inspiring Australia* funding has been allocated to continue three initiatives formerly funded under SCOPE: the Prime Minister’s Prizes for Science; National Science Week; and the Australian Museum Eureka Prizes. A competitive grant round is being planned, however no funding decisions have been made to date.
2. No.