

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

**TOPIC:** INSPIRING AUSTRALIA PROGRAM

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Colbeck

**QUESTION No.:** SI-48

Has Federal Government funding for the Science and Engineering Challenge been reduced – or is it about to be reduced? If so, when, by how much and why?

**ANSWER**

The Science and Engineering Challenge, under the current funding agreement for 2010-11, was provided with \$1 million through the SCOPE program to provide support until December 2011. The Challenge will be eligible to apply for funding support through a competitive grant round under the *Inspiring Australia* program.