

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: PM's Manufacturing Taskforce

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: SI-102

1. Did the Taskforce seek – and/or was it provided with – a submission from the Productivity Commission? If it did not seek one, why not?
2. How many formal submissions did the Taskforce receive – and, of those, how many were from non-government individuals and organisations?
3. What is the reason that submissions are not made available publicly?

ANSWER

1. The Taskforce did not formally call for submissions. The Taskforce was chaired by the Prime Minister and comprised both senior Ministers and non-government members. The Non-Government members prepared a report and presented it to Government in August 2012. The non-Government members did not ask for a submission from the Productivity Commission; nor did the Productivity Commission provide one.
2. The Taskforce did not call for formal submissions. However, the Taskforce received 19 submissions from industry associations and others.
3. The submissions provided to the Taskforce were not made through a public process. The department treated the submissions as in-confidence submissions to inform the work of the Taskforce.