

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: PM's Manufacturing taskforce

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Busby

QUESTION No.: SI-103

1. How was the membership decided - and who made the offers to each of the people chosen to be members, how and when?
2. Was remuneration or benefits of any kind given to any of the members of the Taskforce - and, if so, in what form?
3. How many people declined the invitation to be members of the Taskforce?

ANSWER

1. Membership was decided by the Government. Prospective members were contacted during October 2011 by telephone by Ministerial staff.
2. Members of the Taskforce were not remunerated. Arrangements were put in place to reimburse the non-Government members of the Taskforce for reasonable travel and accommodation expenses related to the work of the Taskforce.
3. The Department is not aware of any person declining the invitation to be a member of the Taskforce.