

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

**TOPIC:** Cooperative Research Centres

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Bushby

**QUESTION No.:** SI-114

1. Does the Department still expect that a public announcement about the successful Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) proposals in the 15<sup>th</sup> round will still be made in early December, and that the original allocation of money to the program for this financial year will not be reduced?
2. Which of the existing CRCs are scheduled to have their funding cease in 2012-13?
3. How many of those CRCs which are scheduled to have their funding end in 2012-13 have indicated that they are seeking continued support from the Government (whether as a CRC or in another form) beyond June next year?
4. Historically, in what month of the preceding year have CRCs that will not be extended been officially informed of the non-extension?

**ANSWER**

1. The announcement of successful applications from the 15<sup>th</sup> CRC Program selection round is now expected in early 2013. Across the foreword estimates from 2009-10, the total resources allocated to the CRC Program for the 2012-13 financial year have been reduced from \$163,124,000 to \$154,493,000 to offset other investments in innovation capacity and to fund the Science for Australia's Future initiative. These reductions were announced in the 2011-12 Budget.
2. The funding period for the CRC for Infrastructure and Engineering Asset Management will end on 30 June 2013.
3. The Department understands the CRC for Infrastructure and Engineering Asset Management is seeking continued support from a number of sources, including the Government.
4. Historically, the month of the announcement for final funding outcomes for successful CRCs has been:

<b>CRC selection round</b>	<b>Final funding outcomes announced</b>	<b>Funding commencing from</b>
Round 14 (2011)	November 2011	July 2012
Round 13 (2010)	December 2010	July 2011

<b>CRC selection round</b>	<b>Final funding outcomes announced</b>	<b>Funding commencing from</b>
Round 12 (2009)	December 2009	July 2010
Round 11 (2008)	August 2009	January 2010
Round 10 (2006)	December 2006	July 2007
Round 9 (2004)	December 2004	July 2005
Round 8 (2002)	December 2002	July 2003
Round 7 (2000)	January 2001	July 2001

CRCs can be advised earlier than the above dates if they were unsuccessful through the shortlisting process. Since the 12<sup>th</sup> CRC selection round (2009) the outcomes of the shortlisting have been announced between August and October of the preceding year.

Eligible CRCs seeking extension funding can apply in an earlier funding round and the outcome of their application would be advised earlier than the preceding year.