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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Industry Innovation Precincts

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: SI-118

1. What is the status of the Innovation Partnerships initiative, which was previously announced by the then Labor Government as Industry Innovation Precincts?
2. What is the status of the Industry Collaboration Fund?
3. Is the Industry Collaboration Fund being treated a discretionary grant funding stream and therefore under review?
4. What is the status of the Industry Innovation Network?
5. How many businesses and research organisations are signed up to FIAL?
6. Is FIAL still operating and pursuing business as usual?
7. How many businesses and research organisations are signed up to META?
8. Is META still operating and pursuing business as usual?
9. What is the status of the 10 projects shortlisted by the Precinct's Board prior to the 7 September election?
10. How many businesses and research organisations are signed up to these 10 projects?
11. Has the Department made contact with these stakeholders since the change of Government to update them on the status of the program? If so, what was the nature of this communication?
12. Has the Department provided advice to Government about dismantling the program?

ANSWER

- 1/2. The Industry Innovation Precincts Programme and Industry Collaboration Fund are under review.
3. Yes.
4. The future of the Industry Innovation Network is being considered as part of the Government's consideration of the Industry Innovation Precincts Programme.
5. As at 6 December 2013, Food Innovation Australia Limited has 10 business members, 16 research members and 11 other organisations.
6. Yes.
7. As at 21 November 2013, Meta has 116 industry members and 25 research members.
8. Yes.

- 9/10. The Industry Innovation Precincts Programme is under review. No announcements have been made about the outcomes of the selection process.
11. Yes. Applicants were sent a letter on 8 November 2013 providing an update on the Industry Innovation Precincts Programme.
12. The Department has provided advice to the Government in relation to the review of the programme.