

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

**TOPIC:** Science, Research and Innovation Division

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Carr

**QUESTION no.:** SI-124

1. What are the roles and responsibilities of the Science, Research and Innovation division in the Department of Industry?
2. How many FTE position are allocated to Science, Research and Innovation division? Has this changed since 7 September 2013?
3. As at 18 September 2013 when the new Government was sworn in, provide a breakdown of actual headcounts, and provide the number of staff on non-ongoing employment arrangements. Also please provide an up to date organisational structure for this division.
4. What programs is the Science, Research and Innovation division in the Department of Industry responsible for?

**ANSWER**

1. The Science, Research and Innovation Division advises the Government on policy to facilitate cutting edge research that underpins economic growth. This includes advice on coordination of science research policy; collaborative research in science and technology; industry-research linkages; business research and development and the translation of science and technology into economic benefits and promoting and supporting innovation in businesses and government. The Division also supports the Minister's role in maintaining a strong alignment between the science and research functions across the Industry and Education portfolios.
2. The current Science, Research and Innovation Division was formed on 4 November 2013. The allocated positions as at 30 November is 108 FTE.
3. As at 30 November 2013 Science, Research and Innovation Division had a headcount of 117. There were no non-ongoing employment arrangements. The organisational structure is at **Attachment A**.
4. The programmes are listed in the Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education 2013-14 Portfolio Budget Statements.

## **Science, Research and Innovation**

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