

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

TOPIC: Skills Division

REFERENCE: Written question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: SI-125

1. What are the roles and responsibilities of the Skills division in the Department of Industry?
2. How many FTE position are allocated to Skills 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 Skills division in the Department of Industry responsible for?

ANSWER

1. The Skills Division has a broad range of responsibilities centred on providing advice and support to the Government concerning the effective operation of vocational education and training in Australia to support the skill needs of Industry and to assist in securing skill and employment outcomes for clients of the system.
2. The current Skills Division was formed on 4 November 2013. The allocated number of positions as at 30 November 2013 is 229 FTE.
3. As at 30 November 2013 the actual headcount for Skills Divisions was 233. This is made up of 219 ongoing employees and 14 non-ongoing employees. 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.