

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

**TOPIC:** Questacon

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Carr

**QUESTION No.:** SI-128

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

**ANSWER**

1. Questacon is Australia's National Science and Technology Centre. Questacon's role is to support increased awareness of science and research in the community through targeted science awareness activities, exhibitions and outreach activities. Questacon does this by providing engaging and exciting experiences to inspire interest and promote positive interaction with science and technology.
2. The allocated FTE for Questacon as at 30 November 2013 is 172.62. This figure has not changed since 7 September 2013.
3. As at 18 September 2013 the actual headcount for Questacon was 225. This was made up of 120 ongoing employees and 105 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 Portfolio Budget Statements 2013-14.

