Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Industry Portfolio Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing 2013-14 21 November 2013

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: SEE program

REFERENCE: Written question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: SI-142

1. Has the Department prepared any briefings for the Minister on funding restructure or reduction within the SEE program?

2. Has the Department received representations from stakeholders with concerns about funding under the SEE program? If concerns have been raised by stakeholders, what action has been taken?

ANSWER

- 1. The Department has not prepared any briefings for the Minister regarding funding restructure or reduction within the SEE program.
- 2. One provider has recently raised concerns with the Department regarding their notional budget allocation for 2013-14 compared to the previous year, as a result of changes to the borders of service delivery areas. This reduction was small (approximately 7 per cent) and the Department has since met with the provider to discuss their concerns.