

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

TOPIC: Clean Technology Programs

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: SI-76

Is the target to achieve \$400 million in savings for discontinuing the Clean Technology programs still current?

1. If so, what is the process to achieve the savings?
2. What area of the Department is responsible for that process?
3. How many FTE staff have been assigned to discontinue the program?
4. Have applicants been advised about this process? If so how and when?
5. How much funding is currently uncommitted across the suite of programs?
6. Has the Department been directed to withdraw funding offers to applicants?
7. If so, where did that direction come from?
8. If so, have those applicants been notified and when?
9. Has any advice been provided – or directions received – to withdraw current contracts in order to achieve the savings?
10. If so, where did that direction come from?
11. If so, have those applicants been notified and when?

ANSWER

1. The Government decided to close the program to new applications.
2. AusIndustry.
3. The closure is being managed through existing program management and delivery staff.
4. Information about the status of the program was published on the AusIndustry website on 18 September and 11 November 2013. AusIndustry wrote to all program applicants on the status of their applications on 12 November 2013.
5. There is approximately \$28 million uncommitted over the remaining life of the program.
6. No.
7. Not applicable.
8. Not applicable.
9. No.

10. Not applicable.

11. Not applicable.