

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

TOPIC: Enterprise and Skills Connect Division

REFERENCE: Written question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: SI-79

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

ANSWER

1. The Enterprise and Skills Connect Division, part of the Business Services Group in the Department have been brought together to consolidate program delivery arrangements. The Enterprise Connect Program provides advice and assistance to help eligible Australian businesses overcome economic challenges by building their capabilities. The Skills Connect elements of the Division supports the Government in the effective operation of vocational education and training programs in Australia with regard to the skills needs of Industry, and to assist in securing skills and employment outcomes for clients of the system.
2. Enterprise and Skills Connect Division was formed on 4 November 2013. As at 30 November 2013, the allocated FTE was 354.
3. As at 30 November 2013, the actual headcount for Enterprise and Skills Connect division was 359 staff. This was made up of 266 ongoing employees and 93 non-ongoing employees. The organisational structure is provided 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.