

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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TOPIC: BIAP LINKAGES TO RELEVANT ACTION AGENDAS
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Senator Stott Despoja asked:

Has the Government attempted to maximise the value of the BIAP by encouraging linkages to relevant Action Agendas (such as the PRINT21 Action Agenda) to ensure strategic industry outcomes are achieved?

ANSWER

Yes, especially in relation to EPICS. The key elements of EPICS were the Enterprise Development Fund offering grants to fund proposals from firms aimed at increasing their competitiveness and the Infrastructure and Industry Growth Fund which provided assistance for proposals aimed at delivering industry-wide benefits. The Printing Industries Association of Australia has taken responsibility for the implementation of the PRINT21 Action Agenda and the industry overall has gained from the spin-off benefits of EPICS grants where they have supported the implementation of the PRINT21 recommendations.