

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Industry Portfolio  
Additional Budget Estimates Hearing 2013-14  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

**TOPIC:** AusIndustry Branches and Programs Being ‘Rationalised’

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Kim Carr

**QUESTION NO.:** AI-132

1. In relation to response to QoN number SI-78, please outline which sections and branches of AusIndustry have been “rationalised”. Are programs in those branches also being rationalised and if so, which ones.
2. In relation to response to QoN number SI-78, has the savings target (expected to be met by mid-February) now been met?

**ANSWER**

1. The following branches and sections have been rationalised (abolished or combined) with functions reassigned within the division.

Abolished:

- Program Delivery Services Branch
- Clean Technology Innovation Program Section
- Cooperative Research Centres Project Section
- Governance and Business Support Section

Combined:

- Innovation Australia Board Secretariat Section and Innovation Australia Committee Secretariat Section
- R&D Incentive Findings Section, R&D Incentive Guidance Section and R&D Incentives Network Enablement Section
- Venture Australia Implementation Section and Venture Capital Programs Section

No programs have been rationalised as a result of these changes.

2. No. As at 28 February 2014, AusIndustry has reduced by 91 staff. The total reduction of 100 staff is expected to be achieved by the end of the 2013-14 financial year.