

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Cormann asked on 11/02/2010, Hansard page 110.

Question

ADVISE HOW FUNDING TO ISCS HAS CHANGED OVER TIME

Senator CORMANN—How has that funding changed over time? The role of the ISCs changed after the change of government, didn't it? Ms White—I do not have data with me on previous funding to ISCs. I assume we can get that.

Answer

The role of Industry Skills Councils (ISCs) was strengthened in line with the Australian Government's *Skilling Australia for the Future* policy. New funding agreements between the Commonwealth of Australia and ISCs, which reflect this strengthened role, were entered into during April 2008.

Funding provided to 10 ISCs to undertake core ISC functions prior to the implementation of the *Skilling Australia for the Future* policy and for the period 1 January 2007 to 31 March 2008 was \$20.7 million.

Funding to be provided to 11 ISCs to support their new strengthened role and for the period 1 April 2008 to 30 June 2011 is \$118.4 million.