

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Abetz asked on 31/05/2011, Hansard page 48.

Question

Innovation Fund - Panel Members Applying For Project

Senator ABETZ: Yes. That is all good. How many panel members are there on the Innovation Fund? Ms Parker: One hundred and ninety-six. Senator ABETZ: Did they all apply for a project? Ms Northcott: No, they did not. I will have to take that on notice. It is my understanding it is approximately 50—no, it must be more. I think it is about 54. We will take it on notice because some— Senator ABETZ: Fifty-four? Ms Northcott: Some have had more than panel members. I will take it on notice, but some have had more than one project. Senator ABETZ: If you could.

Answer

There are 196 Innovation Fund panel members. At 31 May 2011, 54 panel members have been awarded Innovation Fund grants. The number of panel members who have not submitted a proposal for Innovation Fund funding is 31.