

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, CLIMATE CHANGE, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY

**TOPIC:** National Mathematics and Science Education and Industry Adviser and the Chief Scientist

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator BUSHBY

**QUESTION No.:** BI-79

How regularly do staff from Science and Research Division currently meet and/or consult with (i) the National Mathematics and Science Education and Industry Adviser and (ii) the Chief Scientist in the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations?

**ANSWER**

- (i) The National Mathematics and Science Education and Industry Adviser is located in the Office of the Chief Scientist within the Science and Research Division. Staff from Science and Research Division meet with the National Mathematics and Science Education and Industry Adviser three times a week on average. In addition, informal conversations occur multiple times each day.
- (ii) It was announced on 11 October 2012 that a Chief Scientist would be appointed to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. The position has not yet been filled.