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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Small Business Cyber Health Check

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Gallacher

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1. Action 16 of 2016 Australia’s Cyber Security Strategy is “Support the Council of Registered Ethical Security Testers (CREST) Australia New Zealand to expand its range of cyber security services”. Appendix A of the “2020 Cyber Security Strategy: A Call for Views” discussion paper reports that CREST developed the Small Business Cyber Health Check.
 - a. When was the Small Business Health Check completed? The CREST website provides two options: a CREST conducted check of a self-assessment.
 - b. How many businesses did a self-assessed health check in Year 1 of Strategy?
 - c. How many businesses did a self-assessed health check in Year 2 of Strategy?
 - d. How many businesses did a self-assessed health check in Year 3 of Strategy?
 - e. How many businesses commissioned CREST to do a health check in Year 1 of Strategy?
 - f. How many businesses commissioned CREST to do a health check in Year 2 of Strategy?
 - g. How many businesses commissioned CREST to do a health check in Year 3 of Strategy?

ANSWER

1.
 - a. The Small Business Health Check was completed in Year 3 of the Strategy (2018-19). The service became available following launch of the program on 3 December 2018.
 - b. Zero. Services were not available in Year 1 of the Strategy.
 - c. Zero. Services were not available in Year 2 of the Strategy.
 - d. In Year 3 of the Strategy (2018-19) 181 businesses accessed the Free Self-Assessment Check service (as at 5 May 2019).
 - e. Zero. Services were not available in Year 1 of the Strategy.
 - f. Zero. Services were not available in Year 2 of the Strategy.
 - g. In Year 3 of the Strategy (2018-19) 16 businesses accessed a Small Business Health Check service provided by a CREST provider. A further 19 businesses accessed the service in the final year of the Strategy prior to program closure.