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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Abolition of Agencies and Working Groups

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: AI-64

Referring to reports in the Weekend Australian on 13 December 2014 that 175 agencies and working groups were being abolished in order to save \$500 million:

1. How many of the abolished agencies and/or working groups fell under the remit of the Department of Industry & Science?
2. What is the sum total of savings for the Department of Industry & Science associated with the abolition of these agencies and working groups?

ANSWER

1. The list of agencies and/or working groups affected is set out in the 2014-15 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) measure Smaller Government – Industry Portfolio (page 185 refers).

Note: The MYEFO measures covers smaller government actions for the then Department of Industry. Responsibility for vocational education and skills policy and programmes were subsequently transferred to the new Department of Education and Training, established by the 23 December 2014 Administrative Arrangements Order.

2. The savings in terms of the impact on underlying cash are reported in the 2014-15 MYEFO (page 185 refers).