

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry and Science Portfolio  
Additional Estimates 2014-15  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

**TOPIC:** TCF Industry

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Carr

**QUESTION No.:** AI-73

Why is the Department advising clothing manufacturers that the Clothing and Household Textile (Building Innovative Capability) scheme is closed to applicants for 2014-15 innovation grants when it remains a legislated entitlement?

**ANSWER**

The department's *business.gov.au* website displays the following information regarding the Clothing and Household Textile (Building Innovative Capability) scheme at <http://www.business.gov.au/grants-and-assistance/manufacturing/bic-scheme/Pages/default.aspx>

“Programme status: Open

Notice: As part of the 2014/15 Federal Budget the Government has announced its intention to close the Clothing and Household Textile Building Innovative Capability (BIC) Scheme one year earlier than previously scheduled. The related legislation was passed in the House of Representatives on 5 June 2014, however it has not yet been debated in the Senate. We will continue to provide updates on this matter.”