AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Buy Australian Program

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: AI-74

How much funding did Labor in Government invest in the Buy Australian suite of programs? Has this funding been cut or reduced? If so, by how much? Please provide a table clearly identifying where funding reductions have been implemented against individual programs since the change of Government in September 2013.

ANSWER

The 2011–12 Budget allocated \$34.4 million over four years (2011–12 to 2014–15) to the Buy Australian at Home and Abroad measure. This comprised \$18.1 million in administered funding and \$16.3 million in departmental funding.

Since September 2013, there has been a reduction of \$4.978 million in administered funding for the Buy Australian at Home and Abroad measure. A reduction of \$0.6 million was announced in the 2013–14 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook, and the remainder due to closure of programmes announced in the 2014–15 Budget. The breakdown by component is:

Buy Australian at Home and Abroad component	Reduction in administered funding since September 2013 (\$m)
Resources Sector Supplier Advocates	2.528
Resources Sector Supplier Envoy and Supplier Advisory Forum	0.350
Supplier Access to Major Projects (SAMP) Resources	0.500
Australian Made Campaign Limited Supply Chain Adviser	-
Enterprise Connect supply chain services	1.600