

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation and Science Portfolio  
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**DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

**TOPIC:** Self-Sustaining Growth Centres

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Carr

**QUESTION No.:** AI-166

Is the Government's intent that the Growth Centres will be self-sustaining? If so, from what date? Is there any funding committed to the program beyond this date? If so, why/for what purpose?

**ANSWER**

It is the Government's intention that the Growth Centres will become self-sustaining after four years of operations. Each of the six Growth Centres began operations on different dates, ranging from 30 June 2015 (Food and Agribusiness Growth Centre) to 12 December 2016 (Cyber Security Growth Centre). Each Growth Centre has a four-year funding agreement with the Department. The starting date of operations for each Growth Centre was the date on which its funding agreement was executed. No funding has been committed for any Growth Centre beyond the end date of its funding agreement.