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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Funding for the Office of the Chief Scientist

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QUESTION No.: BI-10

Senator CARR: Professor Chubb, how much is your office being funded for in this budget?

Prof. Chubb: It is in the order of \$2 million, plus \$1 million additional for the maths and science adviser and supporting that role. So, all up, it is about \$3 million. I am not sure of the exact dollar amount.

Senator CARR: Could you take that on notice for me, please?

Prof. Chubb: Sure.

Senator CARR: And perhaps you could show me where I will find that number in the budget. I am sure it will be there somewhere, but you would probably be better at identifying that than I would.

Prof. Chubb: We will have a look for you.

ANSWER

The budget for the Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS) is not a separate line item in the Department of Industry's Portfolio Budget Statements:

- In 2013-14, funding for the OCS is under the Department of Industry's Outcome 2 (programme 2.3).
- In 2014-15, it is under the Department of Industry's Outcome 1 (programme 4).

The 2014-15 OCS budget is not finalised, but will be based on the budget for the previous financial year. At 30 April 2014, the 2013-14 budget was:

- Office of the Chief Scientist: \$1 571 481;
- The Prime Minister's Science, Engineering and Innovation Council 2013-14 budget: \$32 382;
- Support for the work of the national mathematics and science education and industry adviser: \$994 383.

Funding to support the work of the national mathematics and science education and industry adviser includes support for the establishment of working and advisory groups, commissioned surveys, reports and analysis across education and industry.