

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry and Science Portfolio
Budget Estimates Hearing 2015-16
3 and 4 June 2015

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Joint Commonwealth and Tasmanian Economic Council Communique

REFERENCE: Question on Notice (Page 15, 4 June 2015)

QUESTION No.: BI-28

Mr Chesworth: So that is for the advisory board. There is the Joint Commonwealth and Tasmanian Economic Council.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: That is correct.

Mr Chesworth: Its most recent meeting was on 13 March 2015. And the council has met four times—in December 2013, July 2014, November 2014 and, as I just stated, 13 March 2015.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Are minutes available from those meetings?

Mr Chesworth: I am not sure. I will see what is available there.

Ms Beauchamp: Just looking at the website, I think communiqués may be put out after those meetings. And they are on the website.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: On the website now?

Ms Beauchamp: Yes.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: I must admit I did look up the website and I found a fascinating array of 31 fact sheets including, I have to say, the Historic Shipwrecks Act of 1976. I am sure that is useful for companies somewhere along the line, but I would be interested, Ms Beauchamp, to know what time I could perhaps ask the question on—

Ms Beauchamp: I do not think we put up the communiqué of the last meeting, so we will get that for you.

ANSWER

The Treasury is responsible for the Joint Commonwealth and Tasmanian Economic Council (JCTEC) Secretariat and for publishing communiques. Information about the JCTEC, including communiques, is available at:

www.treasury.gov.au/Policy-Topics/PublicPolicyAndGovt/tas-eco-council.

The Tasmanian Major Projects Approval Agency will ensure that links to the JCTEC are easily available on its website. A copy of the March 2015 JCTEC Record of Meeting can be found at: <http://www.treasury.gov.au/Policy-Topics/PublicPolicyAndGovt/tas-eco-council/Key-documents/Minutes/2015/13-03-2015> .