Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: CRC Funding

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QUESTION No.: BI-46

Senator KIM CARR: Madam Secretary, can you take on notice to give us an explanation as to how the committed funds have gone down in the period from March through to budget night as outlined in question number 63? Could you give us an explanation of how that happens—how the committed funds goes down in each of the budget lines?

Ms Beauchamp: As an initial answer: obviously that would depend on the funding profile of each of the CRCs. Looking at it just from year to year would not give you a good indication of the funding profile of a CRC that is going for 10 years. But, yes, I will take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you.

ANSWER

Committed funding figures provided in response to Question on Notice AI-63 (Additional Estimates, 26 February 2015) include contracted commitments and other commitments from Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Programme administered funding as at 2 March 2015.

Subsequent variations reflect departmentally approved changes to the annual funding profiles of individual CRCs over and beyond the forward estimates, and confirmation of arrangements for the CRC for Developing Northern Australia.