

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: CRC Program status

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: BI-92

In relation to Mr Hoffman's evidence on the current status of the CRC program, (page 49 of the Hansard), can the Department confirm that the next CRC round (the 18th round) is not expected to open before January 2016 at the earliest?

- a) When is it expected that the 18th round will be concluded and successful CRCs announced?
- b) Is it expected that a round of CRC Projects will be announced prior to or concurrently with the 18th CRC round?
- c) How often are CRC Project funding rounds expected to be run?
- d) Will the Minister be informing the business and research community about the amount available in future funding rounds for CRCs or CRC Projects? If not, why not?

ANSWER

The timing, frequency and funding for future rounds is yet to be determined. Decisions will be informed by the consultation process for the revised Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Programme Guidelines.