

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

**TOPIC:** Anglo Australian Observatory Act 2010

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Carr

**QUESTION No.:** BI-103

1. Will the Anglo Australian Observatory Act 2010 be required to be amended or repealed to implement new arrangements outlined in the Budget Paper no. 2?
2. What will happen to the position of Director of the AAO?
3. What will happen to the Australian Astronomical Observatory Advisory Committee?

**ANSWER**

1. The *Australian Astronomical Observatory Act 2010* will be required to be repealed to implement new arrangements outlined in 2017-18 Budget Paper No. 2.
2. New arrangements for Australia's domestic astronomy capabilities currently delivered through the AAO will be developed over coming months. A new governance structure for the optical instrumentation capability in Sydney will be established as part of the transition of those aspects of AAO's functions. There will no longer be the position of Director of the AAO as defined in the *Australian Astronomical Observatory Act 2010*.
3. Given the new arrangements to be developed, it is expected the Australian Astronomical Observatory Advisory Committee will cease to exist under that name and in its current form.