AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Funding for Industry Skills Councils

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Senator KIM CARR: Would you mind providing me with the funding details for each of the skills councils, including the amount each council receives, the progress, research and other tasks that each Industry Skills Council is required to undertake? How many people does each Industry Skill Council employ? Can you take that on notice?

Mr Robertson: Yes.

ANSWER

This information is publicly available at:
www.industry.gov.au/AboutUs/LegalandLegislativeReporting/Grants/Pages/default.aspx

ISCs receive core funding for:

- the engagement and consultation with industry and other key stakeholders in the development and delivery of products and services that reflect Australian and international best practice models and benchmarks (Training Package Qualifications); and
- involvement in and the provision of advice on training and skills needs for industry;

Other tasks ISCs undertake include the following which are available on individual ISC websites:

- annual environmental scan;
- annual project business plan; and
- mid and final year project reports.

Industry Skills Councils are companies limited by guarantee and the Department does not have access to information in relation to numbers of staff employed by the individual companies.