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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: AIG employee numbers

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Senator KIM CARR: I see. Under the Enterprise Connect program, business advisers were drawn from industry but they were employed by the department.

Ms Mulder: There was a combination of arrangements in terms of employment arrangements. Some were definitely non-ongoing employees with the department, but a number were also employed through partner organisations.

Senator KIM CARR: How many of the non-ongoing employees are still with the department?

Ms Mulder: Seventy-two positions have been filled by existing personnel.

Senator KIM CARR: Are they still employed directly by the department?

Ms Mulder: No. A tender took place late last year, early this year to engage industry partners. Specified personnel who undertake those services for research connections and business management are engaged through industry partners.

Senator KIM CARR: Who are those industry partners?

Ms Mulder: There are 10 industry partners in total. Would you like me to read them out?

Senator KIM CARR: Yes, please.

Ms Mulder: Austmine Ltd, Australian Industry Group, Australian Manufacturing Technology Institute Limited, Business Foundations Inc., Business South Australia, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia Inc., CSIRO, Deloitte Private Pty Ltd, Geelong Manufacturing Council and New South Wales Business Chamber.

Senator KIM CARR: How many are employed by AiG?

Ms Mulder: Twenty-three.

Senator KIM CARR: Could you give me a breakdown, please, of each of those providers and how many people they employ?

Ms Mulder: Starting from the start: at Austmine Ltd there are a total of seven—

Senator KIM CARR: You could take it on notice if you like if it is a pretty straightforward—

Ms Mulder: You would like me to repeat the name and the total of employees?

Senator KIM CARR: If you can, but if you have just got a table there—we are running short of time—can you table the table?

Ms Mulder: Certainly.

ANSWER

Current as at 23 November 2015

Industry Partners	Specified Positions			
	Business Advisers	Business Facilitators	Research Facilitator	Total
Austmine Limited	7			7
Australian Industry Group	18	4	1	23
Australian Manufacturing Technology Institute Limited	6		3	9
Business Foundations Incorporated	3		4	7
Business SA	5			5
Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Western Australia Incorporated	5			5
Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)			5	5
Deloitte Private Pty Ltd	9	2		11
Geelong Manufacturing Council	2	3		5
NSW Business Chamber	13	2		15
	68	11	13	92

This table represents the number and type of positions allocated to the Entrepreneurs' Programme's ten Industry Partners.