

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

**TOPIC:** National policy issues relating to the digital economy

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Carr

**QUESTION No.:** SI-80

In relation to “National policy issues relating to the digital economy” – last year the Department of Communications provided an update the status of the 34 digital productivity initiatives at Appendix C of Advancing Australia as a Digital Economy and the status of the 24 actions at Appendix B of the same document (see Answers to Questions on Notice 201 and 203 from Additional Estimates in February 2014 and Answers to Question on Notice 564 from Budget Estimates May 2014). Please provide a similar update on the status of these 58 initiatives, including an update on their funding, whether they have been terminated, and what outcomes have arisen out of each initiative.

**ANSWER**

Of the 34 digital productivity initiatives at Appendix C of Advancing Australia as a Digital Economy, 32 are complete. The two remaining initiatives, scheduled to complete in 2016-17, are:

- Broadband for Seniors, which is managed by Department of Social Services; and
- In Home Telemonitoring for Veterans, which is managed by Department of Veterans Affairs.

Of the 24 actions at Appendix B of Advancing Australia as a Digital Economy nine are complete and 15 are in progress.

As most of the initiatives and actions associated with the National Digital Economy Strategy update 2013 have been delivered by other agencies, the Department is in the process of confirming with other agencies the latest status and outcomes of each. We will provide the Committee with a further update addressing this question in the coming weeks.