

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

TOPIC: Commonwealth Science Council

REFERENCE: Written question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: SI-83

In relation to the Commonwealth Science Council meeting on 21 October 2015.

- a. How long was the meeting?
- b. Which Ministers attended?
- c. Have there been any changes in the arrangements for the CSC following the change of Prime Minister? If so, what are the changes? If not, are any changes planned?

ANSWER

- a. 1 hour and 45 minutes.
- b. The Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP (Chair), the Hon Christopher Pyne MP, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science (Deputy Chair), and Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training.
- c. Yes, on 27 October 2015 Dr Alan Finkel was announced as the next Chief Scientist; part of this role is head of the secretariat of the Commonwealth Science Council.