

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation and Science Portfolio  
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**DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

**TOPIC:** Vision for a Science Nation consultation paper

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Carr

**QUESTION No.:** SI-85

In relation to the Vision for a Science Nation consultation paper released in June:

- a. How many written submissions were received? Will these be made public?
- b. How many people participated in the roundtables or other consultations? Please provide details.
- c. What other consultation was undertaken, if any? Please provide details.
- d. What are the next steps in this process?
- e. How does this process relate to the Boosting the Commercial Returns from Research process and the proposed innovation statement to be delivered before the end of 2015?

**ANSWER**

- a. 113 public submissions were received. Consideration of the public release of the written submissions is a matter for the Australian Government.
- b. Roundtables were conducted during the consultation period 22 June to 31 July 2015. 308 senior industry, science, research, education, government, and international stakeholders attended nine roundtable meetings held in Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney. An international roundtable meeting was held in Canberra.
- c. During the consultation period, the consultation paper was also discussed at a Community Science Forum in Geraldton; the Forum of Australian Chief Scientists in Perth; and the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Conference in Perth.
- d. The Research chapter of the Vision for a Science Nation Consultation Paper points out that many of the Boosting the Commercial Returns from Research strategy's initiatives are addressed in the Consultation Paper as relevant activities underway. The Paper asks, in addition, what else could be done.
- e. The Government is in the process of considering feedback from the consultation which is informing the work on an innovation and science agenda.