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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Analytical Resources

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Does your department/agency have enough analytical resources at its disposal? For example, the Government has cut funding to the ABS – are you provided with enough data collection for evidence-based policy making and evaluation?

ANSWER

The Department has analytic resources at its disposal for priority issues. The Department works with the Australian Bureau of Statistics and other data providers to access relevant data collections and from time to time the Department pays for data to be collected or collated to be used for evidence-based policy making and evaluation.