

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Business Enterprise Centres

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Eggleston

**QUESTION No.:** AI-36

Explain the role and functions of the Business Enterprise Centres?

**ANSWER**

This information is publicly available at <http://www.becaustrialia.org.au/index.php?page=faq>

Business Enterprise Centres, that receive Australian Government support through AusIndustry, aim to improve the business skills of small business operators, intending operators and independent contractors. Business Enterprise Centres are contracted to expand their services above what they may have been providing as part of their core business to provide advisory services to small business. (Refer to Senate Hansard, Economics Legislation Committee, 10 February 2010, E89-E92).