Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Online Resource Library

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QUESTION No.: AI-91

Did the Government open a tender process in 2010 in which it requested proposals for the provision of an online resource library? If so, what progress has been made on awarding this tender and the commencement of the delivery of this online library? Will this library be incorporated within the Department's existing intranet – Innovation Central – or will it be housed on a separate platform?

ANSWER

A Request for Tender for the provision of an online resource library was issued on 27 October 2010. A contract has been awarded and the services will commence 28 March 2011. The library will not be incorporated within the Department's existing intranet. The contract provides access to an external digital library of technical material.