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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Manufacturing Businesses

REFERENCE: Written Question - Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: AI-144

Does the Department possess statistics that indicate how many manufacturing businesses there currently are in Australia – and, if so, what is that number?

ANSWER

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, there were 90,228 manufacturing businesses as at June 2011^1 .

¹ ABS cat. no. 8165.0