

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Meetings with Small Business Minister

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Ryan

**QUESTION No.:** AI-212

How many meetings has the Small Business Minister had with the Director of the ISBP Division of DIISR since his appointment as Minister?

How many meetings has the Small Business Minister had with the Director of the ISBP Division for 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11?

**ANSWER**

Meetings with the Small Business Minister are initiated either by the Head of Division, Industry and Small Business Policy Division or by the Minister and occur as often as weekly.

As at 27 January 2012, Minister Arbib had three meetings with the Head of Division, Industry and Small Business Policy Division.

Over the periods 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 the Head of Division, Industry and Small Business Policy Division met with Minister Emerson and Minister Sherry regularly.

To search diaries to find an exact number would not be an appropriate use of resources.