

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Cooperative Research Centres (CRC)/ Collaborative Development Program (CDP)

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Eggleston

**QUESTION No.:** BI-132

A report appeared on crikey.com.au on 1 June 2010 about the possible establishment of a new element of the Cooperative Research Centres Program called the Collaboration Development Program (CDP). (*Copy of the report attached.*)

1. To whom was the email reprinted in the report sent?
2. What is the purpose of the CDP, and how much is it projected to cost?
3. How many respondents were there to the invitation to see the draft guidelines?
4. Of those who received the draft guidelines, what percentage provided responses on them?
5. Has it now been decided whether the Department will proceed with establishing the CDP?
6. If so, when will it be established?
7. If not, what is the Department's current position on the possible establishment of the CDP?

**ANSWER**

1. The email reprinted in the report was sent to:
  - Cooperative Research Centres Association;
  - Universities Australia;
  - Group of Eight Australia;
  - Australian Technology Network of Universities;
  - Australian Industry Group;
  - Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and
  - Innovative Research Universities Australia.
2. Pending the Government's approval, the purpose of the Collaboration Development Program (CDP) is to support the early stage development of new collaborations between researchers and end-users and will provide grants of up to \$110,000 (GST inclusive) for one year. The total number of consortia supported in any one year would depend on the availability of funds. It is envisaged that up to five consortia could be supported in any one year.
3. All have responded to the invitation to see the draft guidelines.
4. For the period to date 86 per cent.
5. No.
6. Not applicable.
7. The CDP is yet to be considered by the Government.