

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**TOPIC:** Cooperative Research Centres

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Colbeck

**QUESTION No.:** BI-127

- 1) How much has been allocated in funding respectively to the social innovation CRC and manufacturing CRC in this year's round?
- 2) What will the social innovation CRC actually do?

**ANSWER**

- 1) No CRC program funding has yet been allocated from this year's selection round. The round closes on 1 July 2011. Social, innovation, clean manufacturing and sustainable regional communities have been announced as the priority areas.
- 2) The CRC for Young People, Technology and Wellbeing is an example of a CRC in the social innovation priority area from the 13<sup>th</sup> selection round. This new CRC will promote mental health and wellbeing by studying how technology can help prevent and treat mental illness in young Australians. The CRC will unite the humanities and social sciences with expertise in cyber safety; use of technologies for mental health promotion, prevention, early intervention and treatment; e-research; youth culture; and innovation in research methodologies.