

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** PMSEIC

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Bushby

**QUESTION No.:** BI-155

1. On what dates in 2011 and 2012 has the Prime Minister’s Science, Engineering and Innovation Council formally met?
2. For each meeting other than the one held on 4 February 2011:
  - a) why are no details about the meeting available from the department’s website – when it unambiguously states on the website that “information from all past meetings of the Prime Minister’s Science, Engineering and Innovation Council is available from the PMSEIC meeting page. Here you will find links to each meeting which include a meeting summary as well as links to related reports, associated presentations and media releases”?
  - b) did the Prime Minister attend the meeting?
  - c) which other Ministers attended?
  - d) did all of the other members of PMSEIC attend – and, if not, who was absent?

**ANSWER**

1. The 22<sup>nd</sup> PMSEIC meeting was held on 4 February 2011 and the 23<sup>rd</sup> PMSEIC meeting was held on 30 March 2012.
2.
  - a) The PMSEIC web site is currently being updated.
  - b) Yes.
  - c) Senator the Hon Chris Evans, Minister for Tertiary Education Skills, Science and Research.
  - d) Two standing members, Professor Fiona Stanley AC and Dr Megan Clark were apologies.