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TOPIC: Defence Industry Innovation Centre

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: BI-161

1. On what date was the Enterprise Connect Defence Industry Innovation Centre established?
2. How many ASL does the Defence Industry Innovation Centre currently employ?
3. How much is spent annually on administration and overheads for the Defence Industry Innovation Centre? How many business reviews has it completed?
4. What is the precise role of the Defence Industry Innovation Centre in securing and/or identifying procurement opportunities for Australian firms?
5. What is the Department's estimation of how many such opportunities it has secured and/or identified to date – and how does it arrive at this figure?

ANSWER

1. 1 July 2009.
2. 14 ASL.
3. Approximately \$785,000 (GST exclusive) per year. The Defence Industry Innovation Centre (DIIC) has completed 479 Business Reviews Equivalent activities. These comprise Business Reviews, Defence Industry Change Plans, and Supplier Continuous Improvement Program facilitations.
4. The DIIC's primary role is to "assist the defence industry, especially small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), to improve their performance thereby increasing their chances of winning work."¹ The DIIC has no formal role in securing or identifying procurement opportunities and is focused on improving the business skills and capabilities of eligible SMEs so that they are better able to compete and to capitalize on opportunities from the engagement with DIIC.
5. Refer response to 4 above.

¹ *Launch Of The Defence Industry Innovation Centre*, The Hon. Greg Combet MP, Nelson Place, Williamstown Wednesday 2 September 2009 <<http://www.defence.gov.au/minister/96tpl.cfm?CurrentId=9440>>