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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Intergen 10 Conference

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: BI-216

Did any Departmental staff attend the Intergen 10 conference in Canberra in May 2012 – and, if so, how many? If so, what was the purpose of their attendance – and what were the practical benefits that have accrued to the Department as a result?

ANSWER

Twenty-four staff from a number of areas across the department attended the Intergen 10 Conference. The purpose of attendance was:

- To inform an understanding of population ageing and the impact for long-term policy responses, business program design and human resource strategy.
- Identify potential special feature of topics for inclusion in the Australian Innovation Systems (AIS) Report 2012.
- To improve understanding of the assumptions underlying the estimates provided in the Intergenerational Report.

The potential benefits were:

- Improved business program design ability.
- Improved human resource management and strategy development.
- Increased understanding of economic and demographic factors underpinning manufacturing sector conditions.
- Provided an opportunity to hear from experts in the fields of economics, demographics and productivity to assist officers in effectively using the intergenerational reports and providing policy advice.
- Understanding of emerging national challenges and implications for a strong science and research system.