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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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TOPIC: Manufacturing Technology Innovation Centre

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QUESTION No.: BI-52

Senator COLBECK: How many discussions has the government had with the Advanced Manufacturing CRC, the AutoCRC and the CRC for Advanced Composite Materials about the new centre?

Ms Zielke: I personally have not had any discussions as yet.

Senator COLBECK: Do we know if anyone has?

Ms Zielke: I would need to take that on notice.

Senator COLBECK: Senator Lundy, if you could also take on notice whether Minister Combet's office has had those discussions and on what dates, please.

Senator Lundy: I am happy to take that on notice.

ANSWER

Minister Combet's Budget media release of 8 May 2012 announcing the establishment of the Manufacturing Technology Innovation Centre, stated that the Prime Minister's Taskforce on Manufacturing will consult with industry on implementation of this initiative.

<http://minister.innovation.gov.au/gregcombet/MediaReleases/Pages/NewInnovationCentreToHelpPowerAustralianManufacturing.aspx>.

Any discussions Minister Combet had with CRCs prior to the announcement were conducted "in confidence".