

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**QUESTION No.:** SI-38

**Senator ABETZ** - I will move to Enterprise Connect. Am I reading the papers correctly that in this year's budget papers the allocations to Enterprise Connect are substantially less compared to those when first budgeted in last year's budget papers? I trust I am reading the documentation correctly.

**Mrs Zielke** –Could I ask you to repeat the question?

**Senator ABETZ** – Yes. The allocations for Enterprise Connect in this year's budget papers for the out years, if I have it correct, in round figures were 26, 24, 24 and 14, compared to the previous budget figures that were 59, 50 and 50. Am I reading that correctly? It would suggest, in rough terms, a substantial reduction—not quite 50 per cent.

**Mrs Zielke**—I believe that the previous figures you were quoting would be a combination of the departmental and the administered figures together, whereas in the budget figures the numbers that were quoted at that stage were actually showing the change in relation to the administered dollar component of that. So they are not the complete budget for Enterprise Connect.

**Senator ABETZ**—Could you provide a comparison of apples with apples for the last two budgets just so I can get a proper handle on that, please?

**ANSWER**

There has been no change to the allocation for the Enterprise Connect Innovation Centres. The figures in the 2008-09 Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS) included both the Departmental and Administered allocations as per Table 1 below:

*Table 1 – Enterprise Connect Allocation as per 2008-09 PBS*

2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
\$65.912m	\$59.00m	\$50.801m	\$50.801m

The figures for Enterprise Connect Innovation Centres shown in the 2009-10 PBS are only the Administered Allocations. The balance between the figures shown in the 2008-09 PBS and the 2009-10 PBS comprises the Departmental allocation for the program – see Table 2 below.

*Table 2 - Enterprise Connect Allocation*

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
<i>Administered</i>	\$18.4m	\$26.0m	\$24.0m	\$24.4m
<i>Departmental</i>	\$47.5m	\$33.0m	\$26.8m	\$26.4m
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$65.9m	\$59.0m	\$50.8m	\$50.8m