

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Back asked on 1/06/2011, Hansard page 40.

Question

Industry Skills Councils Environmental Scan

Senator BACK: Each ISC produces an environmental scan annually; is that prior to the end of the financial year?

Ms Sakkara: I do not know the timing of the scan, no.

Senator BACK: Perhaps you could take on notice for me—

Mr Griew: I do not think we are going to get the answer—

Senator BACK: —what is the timing of each, whether they all differ.

Mr Millington: It is not tied to the budget. They do produce it annually.

Senator BACK: Each does produce an annual scan?

Mr Millington: Yes.

Senator BACK: I wonder if you would be good enough to just take on notice and advise us those that have produced an environmental scan for this year and if you have any knowledge of the timing of the production release of the others as well I would be appreciative, please, but is not material to this program?

Answer

The timing for the public release of the Industry Skills Councils' Environmental Scans is February of each year as determined by the policy requirement of the National Quality Council. This requirement is also embedded in the Department's contracts with the Industry Skills Councils. All Industry Skills Councils have produced an annual Environmental Scan in February 2011 in compliance with these requirements.