

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Asked By: SENATOR MACDONALD**

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**Senator IAN MACDONALD**—I should know this and perhaps it is not correctly in your portfolio, but can you tell me about the CRC for remote economic participation? When was that established?

**Answer:**

The Cooperative Research Centre for Remote Economic Participation (CRC-REP) received total funding of \$32.5 million under Round 12 of the Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Program, an Australian Government initiative delivered through the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research. The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research has overall responsibility for the CRC Program.

The CRC-REP began operations on 1 July 2010, and has been funded until 30 June 2017 to investigate and provide practical responses to the complex issues that drive economic participation in remote Australia. The CRC-REP is headquartered in Alice Springs at the Desert Knowledge Precinct, and is expected to build on the work and the networks created by the previous Desert Knowledge CRC.