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Senator IAN MACDONALD: There have been some budget cuts in the CRC program. This is again a question for that department. From your understanding as a member of the controlling committee, are those budget cuts likely to impact upon this particular CRC in which this department has a financial stake?

Ms Fleming: I am not directly aware, but we could take that on notice.

Answer: The Department of Industry, Innovation Science and Research has advised that the CRC program funding reductions announced in the 2011-12 Budget will not affect any existing CRCs, including the CRC for Remote Economic Participation.