

ESTIMATES 2009-2010

Question on Notice

Minister for Business and Economic Development

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QTON Total Program Mix List

Ms Le Couteur: To ask the Minister for Business and Economic Development

In relation to: Business and Industry Development's budget

Mr Cox offered to "provide a list of our total program mix".



Mr Stanhope: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

The programs delivered by Business and Industry Development are:

- Business Licence Information Service (BLIS)
- Canberra BusinessPoint
- Business and Industry Development Information Communication:
 - Websites
 - Publications
 - Mailing Lists
 - Mail Boxes
 - Event Assistance
- ACT Industry Capability Network (ICN)
- Inward Investment Facilitation Services
- TradeConnect (*TCon*)
- Chief Minister's Export Awards
- Trade Mission Program
- Skilled and Business Migration Program (SBM)
- StudentConnect
- InnovationConnect (*ICon*)
- ACT Investment Facilitation Program (IFP)
- Business in Focus Month
- ANU Connect Ventures
- Canberra Business Development Fund (CBDF)
- Canberra Dot NET - Ceases as at 30 June 2009 – to be replaced by CollabIT (linking local SMEs with multinationals in the ICT sector).
- ScreenACT

- Lighthouse Business Innovation Centre
- NICTA
- Plant Phenomics Facility - One-off funding ceased in 2008/09 but BID retains on-going contract management responsibilities.
- Climate Change Adaptation Research Centre - One-off funding ceased in 2008/09 but BID retains on-going contract management responsibilities.
- Capital Region Development Board (CRDB) - Ceases as at 30 June 2009 – to be replaced by Regional Development Association (RDA) ACT.
- Shanghai World Expo 2010 (new initiative)
- International Student Ambassador Program (new initiative)
- Young Achievement Australia (YAA)

QTON Business budget increase

Mr Smyth: To ask the Minister for Business and Economic Development

In relation to: Business and Industry Development's budget

What was the increase to the business budget this year?



Mr Stanhope: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Government Payment for Outputs in Output 2.1 shows a decline by \$2.912 million from 2008-09 to 2009-10.

The figure is derived from aggregating various expenditures that cease in 2008-09 and adding in various new initiatives and rollovers.

The reduced funding is mostly due to one-off payments to establish the National Climate Change Adaptation Centre and the National Plant Phenomics Facility in 2008-09. These 2008-09 expenditures were \$2.5 million and \$1.1 million respectively. These expenditures are co-investments by the Territory that are accompanied by significant new recurrent expenditure by the Commonwealth and the ANU. The ACT Government supported these projects in order to secure new innovation and science infrastructure assets in the Territory.

A number of other smaller initiative expenditures also ceased in 2008-09 as scheduled. These were \$164,000 to the Skills Commission, \$100,000 for Regional Development Contribution, \$275,000 for the University of Canberra.

The decreases are offset by \$1.227 million in new and additional initiative expenditure in 2009-10, mostly towards core business programs.

Output 2.1 captures expenditure on core business programs *and* expenditure to support science infrastructure, research and skills and human capital building activities.

All core programs delivered or supported by Business and Industry Development, CMD, in 2008-09 are being funded at the same or higher levels in 2009-10 and the Government is also supporting three new business programs in the form of the Shanghai Expo (\$386,000 over two years), the Honorary Student Ambassador Program (\$255,000 over three years) and CollabIT (\$150,000 over three years). Young Achievement Australia is also being provided with an additional \$30,000 in sponsorship funding.

Program surety is a significant issue for the business community and this Budget has delivered that surety with recurrent funding commitments to core business programs.