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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
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Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by MR COE MLA:

In relation to: Innovation Spending

1. What were the KPIs for Data61?
    a. What is the funding arrangement Data61?

2. Will the Minister provide a the level of funding for Data61 in the following financial years;
    a. 2012-13
    b. 2013-14
    c. 2014-15
    d. 2015-16
    e. 2016-17
    f. 2017-18

3. When were the disbursements made for the Innovation Development Fund?
    a. What were the KPIs attached?

4. When were the disbursements made for Innovation Connect?
    a. What were the KPIs attached?

MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY AND INVESTMENT: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. What were the KPIs for Data61?

A two year grant agreement was signed with Data61 on 12 September 2016. The KPIs included:

- **Canberra Lab Requirement,** namely that Data61 will continue to operate a facility or facilities in Canberra (this facilitated the transfer of Data61 from its premises on London Circuit, where its lease came to an end in 2016 to new, purpose built premises at Black Mountain, the Synergy Building).
- **Cybersecurity Project Expenditure Requirement** means the expenditure by Data61 of $1,250,000 each financial year on Cybersecurity projects and activities which are predominantly based in Canberra and which are agreed by Data61 and the Territory.
- **Canberra Activities Expenditure Requirement** means the expenditure (including expenditure on corporate or shared services) by Data61 of $19,000,000 each financial year on project activities based in Canberra.
- **Reporting** including a six-monthly status report and a final report.

1.a What is the funding arrangement (for) Data61?

2017-18 was the second year of the two-year grant agreement with Data61 as described above. The agreement concluded June 2018 and has not been renewed.

2. Will the Minister provide a the level of funding for Data61 in the following financial years;

Data61 was established in 2016. Funding support in prior years was to Data61's predecessor organisation NICTA which was an entity required to pay payroll tax. Data61, as a Commonwealth entity within CSIRO, is not eligible to pay payroll tax.

a. 2012-13 - $2.5 million, plus payroll tax waiver of $500,000
b. 2013-14 - $2.5 million, plus payroll tax waiver of $500,000
c. 2014-15 - $2.5 million, plus payroll tax waiver of $500,000
d. 2015-16 - $2.5 million, plus payroll tax waiver of $500,000
e. 2016-17 - $2.5 million
f. 2017-18 - $2.5 million

3. When were the disbursements made for the Innovation Development Fund?

Grant recipients funded under the CBR Innovation Development Fund received an activation payment on the signing of the Deed of Grant with the remaining grant funds allocated against the successful completion of Deed milestones.

3.a What were the KPIs attached?

The CBR Innovation Development Fund had the broad objective of building capability and capacity within the innovation ecosystem. Funding supported a broad range of innovation projects. Negotiated Deeds of Agreement established performance milestones for the projects.

4. When were the disbursements made for Innovation Connect?

Grant recipients funded under Innovation Connect receive an activation payment on the signing of the Deed of Grant and follow on payments on the successful completion of agreed milestones.

4.a What were the KPIs attached?

The Innovation Connect program provides early stage commercialisation grant funding. Measures of success include follow on investment and employment outcomes for companies.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism

Signature: Date:

By the Minister for Trade, Industry and Investment, Andrew Barr MLA