

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE — INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND INNOVATION DIVISION

**433. Hon KATE DOUST to the Minister for Commerce:**

I refer to “Significant Issues Impacting the Agency” on page 461 of the 2012–13 budget papers.

- (1) What specific resources have been increased to the industry, science and innovation division of the Department of Commerce to implement the 10-point local content framework?
- (2) What was the resourcing level prior to the 10-point local content framework, and what will be provided in 2012–13 and the forward estimates?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question, not least because it gives me an opportunity to acknowledge the work that is being done by Steve Grocott and the others in the team in this particularly important area of government policy and government activity. I congratulate them on the fine work they are doing. In answer to the member's question —

- (1) The specific resources that have been increased to the industry, science and innovation division to implement the 10-point local content framework were an additional five FTE positions.
- (2) The resourcing level prior to the 10-point framework was four FTEs. Funding for these positions will be continued in 2012–13 and the forward estimates.