

21. Functions of Council

- (1) The Council is to —
 - (a) provide advice to the Minister, at the initiative of the Council or at the request of the Minister, on any matter relating to the objects of this Act; and
 - (b) carry out, collaborate in or procure research, studies or investigations on any matter relating to the objects of this Act, including matters relating to —
 - (i) the role of industry, science and technology in the policies of government;
 - (ii) the social and economic impact of industrial and technological change;
 - (iii) employment and training needs and opportunities relating to industrial, scientific and technological activities in the State;
 - (iv) the adequacy of, priorities among and co-ordination of, scientific, industrial and technological activities in the State;
 - (v) methods of stimulating desirable industrial and technological advances in the State;
 - (vi) the application of industrial, scientific and technological advances to the services of the Government; and
 - (vii) the promotion of public awareness and understanding of development in industry, science and technology.
- (2) The Council may publish and make available any report or finding produced as a result of any research, study or investigation under subsection (1).
- (3) The Council is to liaise with and advise any person, body or organization with respect to the conduct of any research, study or investigation into a matter relating to industry, science and technology in the State.
- (4) In carrying out its functions the Council is to —
 - (a) have regard to the needs of the Western Australian community and the resources of the State;
 - (b) promote developments in industry, science and technology that increase productivity and competitiveness; and
 - (c) support developments that create employment opportunities.
- (5) The Council has the power to do all things necessary or convenient to be done for or in connection with the performance of its functions.