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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Geelong Region and Melbourne's North Innovation and Investment Funds:
Minister's Approval

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QUESTION NO.: AI-17

Senator KIM CARR: Have you made a decision to recommend to the minister particular applications for funding?

Mr Sexton: Recommendations have gone to the minister.

Senator KIM CARR: When did they go to the minister?

Mr Sexton: I would have to take that on notice; I cannot recall.....

.....**Senator KIM CARR:** Mr Sexton, I do apologise if I made any aspersions that you were taking unnecessary holidays, but you did say it was because of the Christmas break.

Mr Sexton: I said there was a Christmas break, and naturally that causes some interruption. Ministers are not available. The Victorian minister is not available. We have to take account of the priorities of the Victorian minister and so on.

Senator KIM CARR: Come on. You have had the beginning of December through to February. What date in February? Beginning, middle end—what?

Mr Sexton: I would have to take that on notice.

ANSWER

The Melbourne North and Geelong Advisory Committees provided their recommendations to the Industry Minister and the Victorian Manufacturing Minister on 29 November 2013 and 9 December 2013 respectively. The advice of the Victorian Manufacturing Minister was received on 17 February 2014. The department briefed the Industry Minister soon after in February, with projects announced subsequently.