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**Review of Australia's Relationship with the  
Countries of Africa**

**Organisation:** AUSTRADE – Answers to Questions on Notice

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**Subject:** FW: Austrade answer to questions JSCFADT (Africa) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Dear Dr Carter

Austrade response to Standing Committee questions/recommendations below:

The submission from the Australia Africa Business Council Victoria Chapter (Sub. 55, p. 7) has made three recommendations calling for government support for the establishment of an Australia/Africa Trade Desk located in Victoria, but serving all of Australia (Transcript, 6 May, p. 6).

Has the AABC Vic Chapter sought support from the Commonwealth?

Austrade in partnership with DFAT have supported AABC activities, particularly in assisting with visiting African delegations and business forums.

▪ What is your response to this proposal?

Approaches for support from the Commonwealth have been made by AABC at the national level. Austrade has a trade desk with responsibility for Africa located in Canberra which serves to promote trade and investment linkages with Africa across all states and territories. Should the AABC Victorian Chapter require assistance they will be able to do so via the Austrade Africa desk with support from the Austrade Victorian State Office located in Melbourne. The primary contact is [lino.strangis@austrade.gov.au](mailto:lino.strangis@austrade.gov.au).

Regards,

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