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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Strengthening School-Industry STEM Skills Partnerships

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QUESTION No.: AI-12

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. The next one is CN2841762. And this was 9 February, so presumably it was after the machinery-of-government changes—this is Strengthening School-Industry STEM Skills Partnerships.

Ms Weston: We understand that that one was relating to the Chief Scientist.

Senator KIM CARR: I should have asked him. It is in the Department of Industry, isn't it?

Ms Weston: That is correct. There might be one of his officers here. I will check. We understand that that relates to the national science adviser, and we will have to take that on notice.

ANSWER

The Strengthening School-Industry STEM Skills Partnerships tender, CN2841762, was put out by the National Mathematics and Science Education and Industry Advisor in the Office of the Chief Scientist.

The Australian Industry Group was awarded the tender to strengthen linkages between industry and school systems: to advance the participation by secondary school students in STEM-related disciplines and activity in conjunction with industry; to improve students' and teachers' understanding of STEM skills and their demand in the workplace; and to encourage students to consider further study and/or a career in STEM.

The project will be completed in December 2016.