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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Australian Industry Participation Plans

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QUESTION No.: AI-41

Senator KETTER: Thank you very much for that. My final question is in relation to Australian industry participation plans, and I asked questions at the last round of estimates—question SI-67, I think it is—in relation to a particular case involving a question from Senator Carr. This was a situation where the department had written to approximately 40 major project proponents who had been identified as possibly having obligations under the act. We received a response back advising: The ... Authority wrote to 34 major project proponents responsible for 40 projects that were identified as possibly having obligations under the Australian Jobs Act 2013 ...

And you listed those for us. In your answer, you also advised:

There are 24 projects which are likely to have obligations under the Act and these will continue to be monitored to ensure that an Australian Industry Participation plan is submitted at an appropriate time. So I am just seeking an update on that.

Mr Chesworth: The AIP Authority essentially conducts, under the auspices of the Jobs Act, a bit of a watching brief, so that question on notice would have been at a particular point in time. We had those three categories and there was follow-up, where required, but I do not have the figures with me at the moment. I suspect that those numbers have probably changed in the intervening period and I would be happy to provide you with some further detail on that.

ANSWER

As at 26 February 2015 the Acting Australian Industry Participation Authority had written to 45 project proponents concerning 52 projects identified as possibly having obligations under the *Australian Jobs Act 2013*. Responses from proponents are that 27 projects do not have obligations under the Act at this point in time and nine projects have obligations and their proponents are engaging with the Authority on required activities. Of the remaining 16 projects: five are within the 60 day timeframe allowed for a response; five have completed construction and have no further obligations and six are on hold or delayed and are being monitored by the Authority.