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

TOPIC: National Survey of Research Commercialisation Review

REFERENCE: Written question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: AI-66

The Terms of Reference for this review provide a detailed timeline that includes consultation in the second half of 2014 and a report to the Minister in early 2015. However, the discussion paper for the review was only released in December 2014:

1. What is the reason for this delay?
2. Please provide an updated timeline for the review.
3. What will the new timeline mean for the availability of the new survey instrument?
4. Will the delay affect the Department's capacity to complete its next biennial survey? If so, how?

ANSWER

1. Preliminary consultations with stakeholders were held in the second half of 2014 with the results of these consultations providing the basis of the discussion paper.
2. Submissions are currently being analysed and the department intends to report to the Minister by mid-2015.
3. The new survey instrument will be developed and tested over the next six months.
4. No.