

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Industry, Innovation and Science Portfolio  
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**DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

**TOPIC:** Rail Manufacturing

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Carr

**QUESTION No.:** AI-138

Has the Department done any work on the economic and industry benefits of national rail manufacturing and coordinated state government procurement of passenger rail carriages?

**ANSWER**

The department co-funded the 2013 report *Opportunities for Greater Passenger Rolling Stock Procurement Efficiency* by Deloitte Access Economics, which outlined the benefits of coordinated state procurement of passenger rail carriages.

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development advise that the Victorian Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources is leading work on the benefits of coordinated state government procurement processes through the Council of Australian Government's Transport and Infrastructure Senior Officials Committee.