

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: Energy Prices and reliability of Supply in relation to Australian Manufacturing

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: AI-154

Has the Department and/or Minister's office had discussions with companies considering investments in Australia concerned about energy prices and reliability of supply? If so, what assurances has the Department provided about investing in Australian manufacturing?

ANSWER

The Department regularly meets with manufacturing companies and industry groups to understand their views on issues relevant to the portfolio, including to discuss measures to boost business investment and improve business capability.

The Department is unable to provide advice on meetings the Minister or his office may have held with manufacturing companies or industry groups relating to investment consideration and concerns with energy prices and reliability of supply.