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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: SKA Commitment of Funds

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QUESTION No.: AI-34

Senator KIM CARR: It is a bipartisan position. Have there been any shortfalls or delays in the commitment of funds from any of the other countries?

Ms Kelly: The only two countries that have formally set money aside in their budgets at the moment are Australia and the United Kingdom. There is also a very strong commitment from South Africa, although it is not yet budgeted. Between us, the three host countries are expected to pay between 40 and 45 per cent of the total cost. The other seven countries have not made formal commitments yet, although they have informally indicated in some cases what they expect to be able to contribute.

Senator KIM CARR: Is this part of why we have had an escalation in cost?

Ms Kelly: No.

Senator KIM CARR: It is nothing to do with the fact that they have not actually put any money on the table?

Ms Kelly: No. The escalation in cost has been more to do with the design and the scientific ambition of some of the design elements.

Senator KIM CARR: If you could you take on notice how we account for this escalation in costs, I would appreciate it.

Ms Kelly: Sure.

ANSWER

See response to AI-33.