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

TOPIC: Victorian Steel Industry

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QUESTION No.: BI-186

1. Is the Department aware of any plans from the Federal Government to mandate that tax payer funds being used to implement the East West Link (VIC) are spent locally in order to maximise the benefits of the project? If not, why not?
2. Is the Department aware of any discussions between Federal and Victorian Government counterparts on how the federal contribution to the East West Link is intended to be spent? Has any assessment been made of the benefits to the local steel supply chain in terms of investment and jobs of sourcing local steel?
3. How does the Department of Industry intend to support Victorian industry, particularly steel, in future defence related projects? Has any assessment been made of the benefits to the local steel supply chain in terms of investment and jobs of sourcing local steel?

ANSWER

1. No.
2. No.
3. The Department of Industry works closely with the Department of Defence with the aim of maximising the competitive opportunities for Australian companies to work on major defence projects. The Department is not aware of any assessment.