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Senator KIM CARR: Are you familiar with the project Smarter Manufacturing for a Smarter Australia?

Dr Green: All the contracts that we let under that leaders group funding line have been continued through to their conclusion.

Senator KIM CARR: Was there a project contract issued for \$100,000 for that project?

Dr Green: I do not recall a project of that specific name. That may be an adaption of the name of the grant.

Senator KIM CARR: I may well have it wrong. There may be a slight variation, but was there a reference group which worked with AiG and the department on a research program to analyse the scope and scale of non-compliant imported building and electrical products. Was there such a project?

Dr Green: Yes, there was a study. We let a contract for \$100,000 to the AiG to undertake that work, and that study was completed.

Senator KIM CARR: That would be the same one. It was completed. Did industry put up \$108,000 in kind for that project?

Dr Green: I would have to check the details, but I believe that is broadly correct.

Senator KIM CARR: Would you take that on notice.

ANSWER

The Department entered into a contract with the Australian Industry Group (AiG) in May 2013 for \$110,000 (GST inclusive). AiG established a Project Advisory Committee for the research project. Under the contract, industry provided in-kind support of \$108,500.