## **Economics Legislation Committee**

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Industry and Science Portfolio 2015-16 Budget Estimates 3 and 4 June 2015

**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

**TOPIC:** Australian Industry Participation

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Carr

**QUESTION No.:** BI-78

In relation to Australian Industry Participation Plans:

- 1. The Australian Jobs Act 2013 states that the Government will create an Australian Industry Participation Authority. How is the creation of the Authority progressing?
- 2. The Portfolio Budget Statements 2014-15 for the Industry Portfolio referred to an evaluation of 'the costs, benefits, appropriateness and effectiveness of existing [Australian Industry Participation] policies and programmes' to be completed in 2014. What is the Government's response to the evaluation?
- 3. The "evaluation of Australian Industry Participation Policies and Programmes" which was conducted by Ernst and Young was received by Government on July 17 2014. Will this report, a redacted version, or a summary be tabled for the public to review? If so, when?

## **ANSWER**

- 1. The Acting Australian Industry Participation Authority has been appointed.
- 2. The review by Ernst and Young is currently being considered by the Australian Government.
- 3. The review is currently being considered by the Government and has not been publicly released.