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TOPIC: Arrium the only steel provider

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Ketter

QUESTION No.: BI-3

Senator KETTER: To the best of your knowledge, is Arrium the only steel provider for the Tarcoola rail project, or will there be other suppliers?

Mr Ryan: It would be too early to tell you, I would say, Senator.

Senator KETTER: When would we be able to find out?

Mr Ryan: I cannot answer that. I would have to get information from the infrastructure department and I would have to take that on notice.

Senator KETTER: Is there anybody else, Ms Beauchamp, who might be able—

Senator Canavan: Other officials can correct me, but my understanding is that that project is being managed by the Australian Rail Track Corporation, which sits under the Department of Infrastructure and Transport—and I think the shareholding minister is with the Department of Finance. I do not know if officials here would have detailed knowledge, but they could take questions on notice.

ANSWER

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development has confirmed that Arrium is the sole supplier of steel to the Australian Rail Track Corporation's Tarcoola rail upgrade project.