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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**TOPIC:** IDC Membership

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**QUESTION No.:** SI-22

**Senator KIM CARR:** Were you on the IDC?

**Dr Clark:** We have been working through the department.

**Senator Ronaldson:** The IDC for the competitiveness agenda was—

**Mr Ryan:** This is a task group that was operated out of Prime Minister and Cabinet. I participated on that and some of my colleagues participated on that. In my participation I certainly, in conversations with Dr Clark and others, kept them informed and tested ideas with them.

**Senator KIM CARR:** I am surprised, given CSIRO's critical role in this area, that they were not actually directly represented on the IDC.

**Mr Ryan:** The IDC was kept at a very tight level of a small group of representatives and then broader contact was made with other portfolios, other departments, other agencies through that process.

**Senator KIM CARR:** How many were on the small group?

**Mr Ryan:** Five or six.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Who were they?

**Mr Ryan:** Essentially they represented the ministers who made up the ministerial group.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Who were the department's represented on that?

**Mr Ryan:** The department's represented were Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Treasury, us and, from recollection, Environment. I will take it on notice.

**ANSWER**

There was a Secretaries Steering group comprised of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, The Treasury, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of Industry and a Deputy Secretaries working group of these Departments plus Austrade.

Departments and agencies that participated in IDC meetings on the Competitiveness Agenda include:

Infrastructure  
Employment  
PM&C  
Treasury  
Industry  
DFAT  
Austrade  
Education  
Finance  
Customs  
Immigration  
Health

Environment  
Defence  
Agriculture