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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