AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Industry Participation Plans

REFERENCE: Question on Notice (Hansard, 23 October 2014, page 124)

QUESTION No.: SI-67

Senator KETTER: My next issue is Australian industry participation plans. In this series of questions I will be referring to the response that was received to a question on notice from Senator Carr No. BI-187. Firstly, the response that was received stated that the department has written to approximately 40 major project proponents, who had been identified as possibly having obligations under the act. My question is: how many executive summaries of plans are listed on the department's website?

Mr G Wilson: There are six summary plans listed on our website.

Senator KETTER: Is that a concern to you?

Mr G Wilson: No, we have only received six plans and they have all been approved at this point.

Senator KETTER: Can you provide a list of the 40 major project proponents that the department wrote to?

Mr G Wilson: I would have to take that on notice. I do not have that with me.

Senator KETTER: Thank you very much. Could you include a summary of the responses received?

Senator Ronaldson: We will do that to the extent that we can if there is no commercial-in-confidence or other issues. What we can give you we will.

ANSWER

The Acting Australian Industry Participation Authority wrote to 34 major project proponents responsible for 40 projects that were identified as possibly having obligations under the Australian Jobs Act 2013 (the Act). The proponents contacted were:

Adani Mining Pty Ltd
AMP Investments Pty Ltd
Apache Energy Limited
Aquis Resort at the Great Barrier Reef Pty Ltd
Arrow Energy Pty Ltd
Asia Iron Australia Pty Ltd
Australian Energy Company Limited
BHP Billiton Limited
Byerwen Coal Pty Ltd
Caledon Resources Pty Ltd
Cbus Property Pty Ltd
DEXUS Property Group
Frasers Property
Gandel Group
GDF Suez Bonaparte Pty Ltd
Grocon Pty Ltd
GVK Hancock Coal
There are 24 projects which are likely to have obligations under the Act and these will continue to be monitored to ensure that an Australian Industry Participation plan is submitted at an appropriate time. One of these projects has subsequently had an Australian Industry Participation plan approved under the Act.

The other 16 projects are likely to not have obligations under the Act due to: being cancelled or delayed; completion of procurement for key goods and services; exempt under Section 17 (5) of the Act; or below the $500 million capital expenditure threshold. These will continue to be monitored in case their status changes.