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TOPIC: Analysis of Steel and Aluminium Markets Report to the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission.

REFERENCE: Question on Notice (Hansard, 20 October 2016, page 95)

QUESTION No.: SI-18

Senator KIM CARR: Commissioner, I was wondering if you could tell us something of the Analysis of Steel and Aluminium Markets Report to the Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission. The report was first handed to government on 4 April, is that correct?

Mr Seymour: That is correct.

Senator KIM CARR: I assume the election campaign and the subsequent change of ministers caused some delay in its release.

Mr Seymour: The government received my report on 4 April. I subsequently updated the report to take account of movements in the market and impacts on the Australian market in the following 2½ months, and I provided that updated report in September to the minister.

Senator KIM CARR: Was the original report ever tabled?

Mr Seymour: Tabled as in?

Senator KIM CARR: Published.

Mr Seymour: The report was provided to the minister and it is up to the government to determine what to do with the report.

Senator KIM CARR: Was it your intention that the original report be tabled?

Mr Seymour: I am not sure what you mean by tabled? Do you mean published?

Senator KIM CARR: It is a term that is used around this place. Has it been published?

Mr Seymour: That would be a matter for the government. I was requested to inquire into the pressures being felt by Australian manufacturers in steel and aluminium and to give a considered view on market behaviours in a number of Asian economies, and I did that.

Senator KIM CARR: Minister, will you take on notice whether the original report could be tabled.

Senator Sinodinos: Sorry?

Senator KIM CARR: Can the commissioner's original report, handed to the government on 4 April, be tabled?

Senator Sinodinos: We will take that on notice.

ANSWER

Please refer to the response to Question on Notice SI-56.