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Senator KETTER: I am going to move on to Australian industry participation plans. How many plans have been completed in the past 12 months?

Mr Power: I do not have the number of plans in the last 12 months. We have, though, in total had 22 plans formally submitted for approval under the program or under the legislation.

Senator KETTER: So you cannot tell me how many in the last 12 months?

Mr Power: Sorry, Senator. I can tell you that the number of plans approved in the 2015-16 financial year was seven.

Senator KETTER: According to the department's website, the total number of plans approved is 17, and this is for major projects worth more than \$500 million.

Mr Power: I will have to confirm that number.

Mr Lawson: We have a number of 22 in front of us. It may be that that website has not been updated, but we will check that for you.

Mr Power: It may be a date issue. The number I have is as of 10 October this year.

Senator KETTER: Okay, so the website might be a bit out of date. How many other plans are under development at the moment?

Mr Power: I do not think I have the number which are under development. I am sorry. We will have to take that on notice.

Senator KETTER: Okay. When do you expect these to be published? You can take that on notice as well.

Mr Power: Those that are under development?

Senator KETTER: Yes.

Mr Power: If there are any under development then we can provide you with that.

ANSWER

In the 12 months preceding 20 October 2016 eight new Australian industry participation (AIP) plans were approved under the *Australian Jobs Act 2013* (Jobs Act) by the AIP Authority.

Twenty-two new AIP plans have been approved under the Jobs Act since its commencement.

On 20 October 2016, there were 17 AIP plan summaries for current major projects published on the department's website. AIP plan summaries are removed from the website when a proponent advises the AIP Authority that their project has been completed or cancelled.

As of 20 October 2016, there were five AIP plans under development. The AIP plan summaries will be published when the proponents submit their AIP plans to the AIP Authority for consideration.