Senator CARR asked: —With regard to the December 2006 report by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Employment, Workplace Relations and Workforce Participation, entitled *Shifting Gears: employment in the automotive components manufacturing industry*, is the department able to indicate when there will be a response to that report?

Mr P Clarke—A response is being developed. I cannot give you a date as to when it will come out.

Senator CARR—You would have to remind me here because there are requirements of the House of Representatives standing orders in regard to responses to parliamentary reports, aren’t there?

Mr P Clarke—I do not know.

Senator CARR—What is your timeline; that is what I am thinking?

Mr P Clarke—We are developing a response.

Senator CARR—You do not know when you are required to have that response prepared by?

Mr P Clarke—No, I do not know.

Senator CARR—Will you take that on notice?

Mr P Clarke—Certainly.

**ANSWER**

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Employment, Workplace Relations and Workforce Participation presented its report entitled *Shifting Gears: employment in the automotive components manufacturing industry* to Parliament on 4 December 2006.

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and DITR jointly coordinated the preparation of the Government response to *Shifting Gears*. The response was tabled in Parliament on 9 May 2007.