Senator CARR asked:—In answer to question on notice BI-16, the department provided me with a list of research projects that are being undertaken. One of these was looking at the structural change in Australian industry. Are you aware of that particular research project?

Mr Dean—Yes.

Senator CARR—Can you tell me whether the project has been completed?

Mr Dean—It has not been completed.

Senator CARR—Is it being done in-house, or is there a consultant?

Mr Dean—There is a consultant.

Senator CARR—who is that consultant?

Mr Dean—it is the Centre for International Economics.

Senator CARR—How much is involved in that consultancy?

Mr Dean—I am not aware of that. There are two consultancies that total $117,000. One is the Centre for International Economics; the other is BIS Shrapnel. I do not know what the breakdown between those is.

Senator CARR—You take that on notice, please?

Mr Dean—Yes.

ANSWER

There were two consultancies involved in this project. The first, by BIS Shrapnel, provided a statistical analysis of the major factors and trends in economic and industry development as at the end of 2005. This was completed in October 2006 at a total cost of $47,850. The second consultancy was done by the Centre for International Economics (CIE). This focused on the main drivers of structural change within the Australian economy over the past 5 years and continued drivers for change as we move into the second half of the decade. The contract was for $69,300 and was finalised in January 2007. Additional material has since been requested from CIE at a cost of $12,000. The total cost of these two consultancies will be $129,150.