Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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TOPIC: Research Project on Structural Change in Australian Industry - Report

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Senator CARR asked: —Will a copy of the project report be provided to the committee when it is completed?

Mr Dean—For these—

Senator CARR—For that particular project; this is the structural change in Australian industry project.

Mr Paterson—No decision has been taken on the fate of those reports at this stage.

Senator CARR—Will you take that on notice as a request to have that report?

Mr Paterson—Yes. I would note that, given the nature of the consultancies, they may well provide input to the policy advice that we provide the government, so that is why I am—

Senator CARR—But they are not completed yet?

Mr Paterson—Correct.

ANSWER

The two consultancies are input to the policy advice that the Department provides to the Government. They have not been released publicly. It is not proposed that they be released to the Committee.