Senator CARR asked:—There is a current inquiry under way by the House of Representatives looking at Australia’s manufacturing exports and the import competing sectors. Will this material be made available to that House of Representatives committee?

Mr Paterson—No decision has been taken on that at this stage.

Senator CARR—I would ask if you could take that on notice. Will this information be made available to the committee given that you are spending $117,000 on an area directly relating to a parliamentary committee’s terms of reference? There is also an inquiry into the services sector. Will a similar approach be taken in regard to that committee?

Mr Paterson—I will take it on notice.

ANSWER

Separately, the Department made a submission to the House of Representatives inquiry into the state of Australian manufacturing on 15 August 2006.

The Department also made a submission to the House of Representatives inquiry into the current and future directions of Australia's service export industries on 28 July 2006.