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QUESTION No. AI-9
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Senator CHRIS EVANS asked:—Are we talking about the options for nuclear energy and uranium mining, or just uranium mining?

Mr Paterson—It is the three. It is the uranium industry framework, which has been mentioned; it is what we affectionately call the UMPNE report, which is the report of the task force that Ziggy Switkowski chaired; and it is the House of Representatives report.

Senator CHRIS EVANS—Do I take it that your department is chairing the IDC?

Mr Paterson—Correct.

Senator CHRIS EVANS—Who is that?

Mr Ryan—Me.

Senator CHRIS EVANS—The buck stops with you? I will make a note of that for future reference! You say there are a lot of departments represented. Do you mind taking on notice the departments that are represented on the IDC?

Mr Ryan—I will.

ANSWER

Departments represented:
Attorney Generals
Prime Minister & Cabinet
Dept Foreign Affairs and Trade
Dept of Health and Ageing
Dept of Environment
Dept of Education, Science and Training
Treasury
Finance
Dept of Transport and Regional Services

Agencies:
ARPANS (Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency)
ASNO (Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office)
ANSTO (Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation)