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Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio
Budget Estimates 2004-2005, 31 May 2004 to 2 June 2004

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES
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QUESTION No.5

(Hansard 31/5/04, p.E67)

Senator Carr asked about:

Could you provide details of the consultations you have held with industry on the United States – Australia free trade agreement?

ANSWER

The Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources (DITR) was an active participant in the Government's extensive consultations with State and Territory Governments, industry bodies and other stakeholders in developing its approach to the AUSFTA negotiations. As a part of this process, DITR seconded an officer at the Executive Level 1 position to the negotiating team within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

Members of the AUSFTA negotiating team discussed the AUSFTA with over 500 peak industry and business groups, companies, professional associations and unions, and non-governmental organisations during the course of the negotiations. DITR was represented at many of these discussions either through its seconded officer or more directly by officials from DITR's Trade and International Branch and/or officials from specialist industry divisions within DITR (for example, the TCF Policy Unit).

The AUSFTA was an item for discussion at policy advisory bodies including the Trade Policy Advisory Council, of which the Secretary of DITR is a member, and the Automotive Council. The negotiating team held a number of consultations at important stages of the negotiations with manufacturing industry, service industry and peak business bodies.

DITR also organised an industry roundtable on AUSFTA attended by peak industry groups and chaired by Minister Hockey on 18 June 2003. A list of those who attended the roundtable is at Attachment 1.

There was also close consultation with key industry groups likely to be affected by the agreement during the final stage of negotiations. The automotive and textiles and fashion industries were consulted in the final stages as industries likely to be most directly affected by tariff reductions and rules of origin. DITR was also represented by officials at all relevant negotiations both in Australia and the United States.

Attachment 2 provides a full list of organisations consulted before and during the negotiations; a list of meetings and events such as public meetings and briefings or seminars for larger groups of companies; and a list of organisations contributing written submissions to the Government that agreed to have their names published.

DITR AUSFTA Industry Roundtable Attendees

Australian Shipbuilders Association
Federation of Automotive Products Manufacturers
Australian Industry Group (AiG)
Australian Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association (AEEMA)
Medicines Australia Board, Medicines Australia
Council of Textile and Fashion Industries of Australia
Australian Steel Institute
AusBiotech
Carpet Institute of Australia Ltd
Plastics and Chemicals Industries Association
Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries
Ford Motor Company

AUSFTA Consultations

Industry, Sectoral & Business Associations and Advisory Bodies

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agribusiness Association • Advisory Council for Intellectual Property • Agricultural Finance Forum • Agricultural Trade Consultative Group • American Chamber of Commerce in Australia (AmCham) • Association of Independent Record Labels • Association of Independent Schools • Audio Visual Copyright Society (Screenrights) • AusBiotech • AusFILM • AUSTA (Australia-US FTA Business Group) • Australasian Performing Rights Association • Australian Association of Leather Industries • Australian Automotive International Business Group • Australian Bankers Association • Australian Business Limited • Australian Cane Farmers Association • Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry • Australian Computer Society • Australian Copyright Council • Australian Cotton Shippers Association • Australian Dairy Industry Council • Australian Digital Alliance • Australian Ginger Growers Association • Australian Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association • Australian Food and Grocery Council • Australian Industry Group • Australian Information Industry Association • Australian Institute of Export • Australian Interactive Media Association • Australian IT Security Forum • Australian Libraries Copyright Council • Australian Library and Information Association • Australian Lot Feeders Association • Australian Made Campaign Ltd • Australian Manufacturers' Patents, Industrial Designs, Copyright and Trade Mark Association • Australian Meat Industry Council • Australian Mechanical Copyright Owners Society • Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association • Australian Oilseeds Federation • Australian Paper Industries Council • Australian Pork Ltd • Australian Poultry Industries Association • Australian Publishers Association • Australian Recording Industry Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Screen Directors Association • Australian Seafood Industry Council • Australian Services Roundtable • Australian Shipbuilders Association • Australian Society of Authors • Australian Steel Institute • Australian Subscription Television and Radio Association • Australian Sugar Milling Council • Australian Telecommunications Users Group • Australian Toy Association • Australian Tyre Manufacturers Association • Australian Vice Chancellors Committee • Australian Visual Software Distributors Association • Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation • Australian Wool Innovation Ltd • Australian Wool Industries Secretariat • Australian Writers Guild • Book Industry Newsletter • Business Council of Australia • Business Software Association • Canegrowers • Cane Growers Council of Australia • Carpet Institute of Australia Ltd • Cattle Council of Australia • Commercial Television Australia • Commercial Radio Australia • Committee for Economic Development of South Australia • Confectionery Manufacturers of Australasia • Copyright Agency Limited • Copyright in Cultural Institutions Group • Cotton Australia • Council of Australian Libraries • Council of Textiles and Fashion Industries of Australia Ltd • CPA Australia • Customs Brokers Council • Dairy Australia • Distilled Spirits Industry Council of Australia • Engineering Employers Association, South Australia • Environment Business Australia • Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries • Federation of Automotive Products Manufacturers • Footwear Manufacturers Association of Australia • Furnishing Industry Association • Generic Medicines Industry Association of Australia
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grains Council of Australia • Horticulture Australia • Horticulture Market Access Committee • Intellectual Property Society of Australia and New Zealand • Interactive Entertainment Association of Australia • International Banks and Securities Association of Australia • International Legal Services Advisory Council • Internet Industry Association • Internet Society of Australia • Investment and Financial Services Association • Law Council of Australia • Law Institute of Victoria • Meat and Livestock Australia • Medicines Australia • Minerals Council of Australia • Motion Picture Association • Museums Australia • Music Council of Australia • National Agricultural Commodities Marketing Association • National Association for the Visual Arts • National Association of Forest Industries • National Association of Testing Authorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Farmers Federation • National Food Industry Council • National Food Industry Strategy • National ICT Alliance • National Meat Association • NSW Institute of Export • Pharmacy Guild • Plastics and Chemicals Industries Association • Pulse Australia • Ricegrowers Association of Australia • Rice Marketing Board of NSW • Screen Producers Association of Australia • Seafood Industry Council, Victoria • Service Providers Industry Association • Sheepmeat Council of Australia • Technical Textiles and Nonwoven Association • United Dairy Farmers of Victoria • Victorian Dairy Products Association • Victorian Farmers Federation • Victorian Manufacturing Industry Council • Victorian Wine Industry Association • VISCOPY • Winemakers Federation of Australia • WTO Advisory Group
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Companies

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.I.Topper & Company • AARNET • ABB Grain • ABMT • ACC Group • ADI Limited • AFGC • ALCOA • Allanbank International • Allens Arthur Robinson • AlphaPharm • Alstom Ballarat • ANZ Bank • AOL Time Warner • Apical International • Arnotts Biscuits Limited • Asia-Pacific Space Centre • ATR Industries • AUSAC Development • AusACCESS • Auspoly • Australian Defence Apparel • Australian Meat Holdings • Australian Stock Exchange • Australian Vinyls Corporation • Austrim Nylex 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AVCARE • AWB Ltd • Baker & McKenzie • Baxter Healthcare • Bayer • Beringer Blass • BHP Billiton • BHP Steel/BlueScope Steel • Bickfords • Blake Dawson Waldron • BOC Australia Limited • Brambles • Bradmill • Bruck Textiles • Bulla Dairy Foods • Burdett Buckeridge Young • Cablex • Calyptech • Canning Vale Weaving Mills • Cards etc • Citigroup • CGI Australia • Codan • Collison and Co • Commonwealth Bank of Australia • Corrs Chambers Westgarth
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crane Group • Credit Suisse First Boston • CRM Software • Davies Collison Cave • De Bortoli Wines • December Films • DEFAB • Duke Energy • Dynek • EDS • Effem Foods • Elders • Electrolux Home Products • Eli Lilly Australia • Energy Australia • Esso Australia • Filtronic • FMP Group (Australia) • Ford Motor Company of Australia • Fosters Australia • Fox Sports • Fox Studios Australia • Freehills • G & K O'Connor • Gavin Anderson & Company • George Weston • Gerrard Industries • Golden Circle • GUD Holdings • Hawker Britton • Holden • HSBC Bank Australia • Hunt & Hunt Lawyers • Hunter Export Centre • IAG • IBM Australia • IDP Educational Services • Infogrames • IP3 Systems • John Fairfax Publications • JP Morgan Chase Bank • KPMG • Lavery International • Leighton Holdings • Macquarie Bank • Macquarie Corporate Telecommunications • Macquarie Textiles • Master Foods • Maxiworks • Melbourne IT • Microsoft • Microsoft Australia • Mincom • Minter Ellison 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitsubishi Motors Australia • Monsanto • Murray Goulburn Co-operative • National Australia Bank • Natural Flair • News Ltd • NFIS • Note Printing Australia • Nufarm • Onesteel • Optus • Optus Television • Ozemail • P&O Australia • Packer Leather • Paton's Macadamia Plantations • Peanut Company of Australia • Peter Gallagher, Agricultural Industry Consultant • Pfizer Australia • Pilkington Australasia • Popcorn King • Publishing & Broadcasting • QANTAS Airways • QBE Insurance • Queensland Sugar • ResMed • Revelation Software Concepts • Rio Tinto • RM Williams • Roadshow Films • Rockwall Automation • Santos • Schefenacker Vision Systems Australia • Setec • Sharman Networks • Sheridan Australia • Simsmetal • Sony Computer Entertainment • Southcorp • Spangaro Systems • SPC Ardmona • Stainless Tanks & Pressure Vessels • Sunrice • Sydney Futures Exchange • Telstra Corporation • TenderSearch • Tenix Australia • Thales International • The Hanging Rock Winery • Tower Technology • Toyota Australia • Twentieth Century Fox Film Distribution • UBS • VARIAN Australia
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verizon Communications • WAFEX • Walter Construction Group • Westfield Corporation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westpac Banking Corporation • Woodside • Yakka
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Professional Bodies and Institutions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architects Accreditation Council of Australia • Australian Council of Physiotherapy Regulators • Australian Council of Professions • Australian Medical Association • Australian Nursing Council • Australian Nursing Federation • Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institute of Chartered Accountants • Institution of Engineers • Licensing Executive Association Australia and New Zealand • Queensland Nurses Association • Royal Australian Institute of Architects
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Unions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actors Equity • ACTU • Australian Manufacturing Workers Union • Australian Workers Union • Community and Public Sector Union • Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Tertiary Education Union • National Union of Workers • NSW Musicians Union • Tasmanian Papermills Employees Association • Victorian Teachers Union
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Non-Governmental Organisations

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts Law Centre of Australia • Australia Institute • Australian American Association • Australian Coalition for Cultural Diversity • Australian Conservation Foundation • Australian Consumers Association • Australian Doctors' Fund • Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumers Health Forum • Doctors Reform Society • Free to be Australian Group • Greenpeace Australia • Humane Society International • National Environmental Consultative Forum • Public Interest Advocacy Centre • Tasmanian Conservation Trust
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Public Sector and Educational Institutions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia Council for the Arts • Australasian Film and Video Security Office • Australian Broadcasting Authority • Australian Broadcasting Commission • Australian Film Commission • Australian Local Government Association • Australian Centre for Intellectual Property in Agriculture • Dairy Food Safety Victoria • Export Finance and Insurance Corporation • Film Finance Corporation Australia • Food Standards Australia New Zealand • Intellectual Property Research Institute of Australia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministerial Council on Education Employment Training and Youth Affairs • Reserve Bank of Australia • Standards Australia • State and Territory Health Ministers' meeting • Supreme Court of ACT • Sydney University • University of Adelaide (Institute for International Business, Economics and Law) • University of Melbourne • Victorian Arts Centre • Victorian Meat Authority • WA Trade and Industry Coordination Group
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Presentations, Speeches, Business Briefings

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AIG focus groups, meetings on Rules of Origin: Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney, June-August 2003• AMCHAM, Sydney, 5 June 2003• American Club, Sydney, Business Breakfast, 30 May 2003• AUSFTA International Conference, Perth, 29 August 2003• Business luncheon, Mackay, Queensland, 22 October 2003• Conference on ICT, Melbourne, 2 September 2003• Dubbo public forum on AUS FTA, 17 October 2003• Film and television industry, 7 May 2003, 20 August 2003, December 2003• Hunter Export Centre, 28 May 2003• Illawarra businesses (TradeStart/NSW Small Business seminar), 12 September 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Industry Leaders Roundtable, 18 June, 2003• International Business Week, Adelaide, 27 August 2003• Prime Minister's Science Council, 1 September 2003• Round Table on Industrial Issues, organised by Victorian Government, 7 July 2003• Seminar, 'Australia-USA Free Trade Seminar - A Western Australian Agricultural Industry Focus', Narrogin, WA, 28 August 2003• South Australian business groups, 10 April 2003• Standards bodies and regulators, 3 March 2003• Textiles industry, 5 February 2003• World Electronic Forum, Melbourne, 1 September 2003
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Submissions received from private sector, professional and non-governmental organisations

[Note: Only those organisations which answered in the affirmative to a request to list them are listed.]

Industry and Sectoral Organisations

▪ General Business Groups

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia-US FTA Business Group (AUSTA)
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▪ Agriculture and Processed Food

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Chicken Meat Federation • Australian Dairy Industry • Australian Red Meat Industries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Australian Lot Feeders' Association; – Australian Meat Council, Cattle Council of Australia; – Meat and Livestock Australia; – National Meat Association; – Sheepmeat Council of Australia. • Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWB Ltd • Confectionery Manufacturers of Australasia • National Farmers' Federation • Peanut Company of Australia • Queensland Sugar • Rice Marketing Board, NSW • Southcorp • Sustainable Australia • Winemakers' Federation of Australia
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▪ Manufacturing

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Industry Group • Australian Shipbuilders Association • Australian Tyre Manufacturers Association • BHP Steel • Carpet Institute of Australia • Council of Textile and Fashion Industries of Australia • Cucina Latella • EGR Inc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries • Federation of Automotive Products Manufacturers • Ford Motor Company of Australia • Fosters Australia • PBR International • Proteome Systems • Santos
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▪ Services, IT and Intellectual Property

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Bankers' Association • Allbank Communications International • Australia Council for the Arts • Australian Copyright Council • Australian Information Industry Association • Australian Interactive Multimedia Industry Association • Australian Library and Information Association • Australian Medical Association • Australian Publishers' Association • Australian Screen Directors' Association • Australian Services Roundtable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Society of Authors • Australian Stock Exchange • Australian Writers Guild • Collison and Co • Copyright Agency • Institution of Engineers • Interactive Entertainment Association of Australia • Law Council of Australia • Law Institute of Victoria • Music Council of Australia • Roadshow Films • Telstra Corporation
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australian Education Union• Communications Electrical Plumbing Union• Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Tertiary Education Union• Queensland Nurses' Union
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Non-Governmental Organisations

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Australian Association, New York• ATTAC Australia• Australian Coalition for Cultural Diversity• Australian Conservation Foundation• Australian Doctors' Fund• Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network• Australian Pensioners' and Superannuants' League, Queensland• Bio-Dynamics Tasmania• CREATE Australia• Doctors' Reform Society• Friends of the ABC, ACT and NSW branches• Greenpeace Australia• Humane Society International (Australian Office)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information for Action• Liberty Victoria – Victorian Council for Civil Liberties• Mudgee District Environment Group• National Association of Practising Psychiatrists• National Social Responsibility and Justice, Uniting Church in Australia• Network of Concerned Farmers, Western Australia• SEARCH Foundation• Students' Association of Flinders University• TradeWatch• UnitingCare, NSW/ACT• Young Australian Professionals in America
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