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QUESTION No. B1 - 103

Senator CARR—What involvement does the industry minister have in the Defence Industry Advisory Council, which is at point 20 of the plan?

Mr Luchetti—I would probably need to look at the detail just to see the context at that particular point, but I am not really in a position to answer that question at the moment.

Senator CARR—It says here that there will be a reconstituted ministerial-level Defence Industry Advisory Council, which will meet annually. I take it that the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources is on that council?

Mr Luchetti—The minister is involved in a range of major Defence acquisition decisions, participating in the NSC for those key decisions, so I would expect he would have an involvement.

Senator CARR—Can you come back to me on that? Surely it would not be hard to find out whether or not your minister is on the council?

Mr Luchetti—Yes.

ANSWER

The membership of the Defence Industry Advisory Council is determined by the Minister for Defence. We understand that the Head of Manufacturing Division in the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources will be an ex officio member of the Council and that the Council's operating procedures permit the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources to also be invited to attend meetings.