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Senator John Hogg
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Dear Senator Hogg

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I am writing in response to a question I took on notice at the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee supplementary estimates hearing on 3 November 2005.

You asked for an indication of when the Minister for Trade will make a recommendation to Cabinet on the outcomes of the Export Market Development Grants (EMDG) scheme review; the likely timeframe in which Cabinet will make a decision on the review findings; and when any legislation arising from that process would be before the Parliament.

I have consulted with the Minister for Trade and can advise that Cabinet will consider the findings of the EMDG review shortly. Should the outcome of the Cabinet process require a legislative response, the Minister for Trade will announce an indicative timetable for Parliamentary consideration of the legislation before the end of 2005-06.

I have written to Senator Johnston, Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee, advising him of my response to you on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Sandy Macdonald



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Senator David Johnston
Senator for Western Australia
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Dear Senator Johnston

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I am writing in regard to a question taken on notice at the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee supplementary estimates hearing on 3 November 2005, which you chaired.

The question was posed by Senator Hogg, who asked for an indication of when the Minister for Trade will make a recommendation to Cabinet on the outcomes of the Export Market Development Grants (EMDG) scheme review; the likely timeframe in which Cabinet will make a decision on the review findings; and when any legislation arising from that process would be before the Parliament.

I have consulted with the Minister for Trade and can advise that Cabinet will consider the findings of the EMDG review shortly. Should the outcome of the Cabinet process require a legislative response, the Minister for Trade will announce an indicative timetable for Parliamentary consideration of the legislation before the end of 2005-06.

I have written to Senator Hogg in similar terms to the above.

Yours sincerely

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Sandy Macdonald