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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Ray asked: Senator ROBERT RAY - It says here that there was a confidential submission on the car industry to John Howard from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet dated 3 October. That is pretty specific.

Dr Dickson - I am pretty confident that there was no submission. There would have been briefings on car industry developments that were provided to the Prime Minister from time to time over a number of years.

Senator ROBERT RAY - But there was no document of that date?

Dr Dickson - I would have to check on that date, but there would not have been anything in the nature of a submission.

Answer: The Department prepared a routine briefing note for the then Prime Minister on issues relating to the car industry. The briefing note was dated 3 October 2007. No submission on the car industry was prepared by the Department.