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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No.: ARTC 01

Division/Agency: Australian Rail Track Corporation

Topic: Ministerial releases on ARTC

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Senator Nash asked:

Mr Marchant—I have been the CEO of ARTC since May 1998. I can assure you that our policy on our website and on publishing has not changed one iota under any government, nor have we been approached by any government to change our policy. If we did, I am not sure that we would respond positively. The company cherishes very much its role as a company and its shareholding framework. There were very few press releases done jointly under the previous government for various reasons unrelated to that structure. There are some press releases there, by the way, if you go back in the archives, but they are not frequent.

Senator NASH—Perhaps you could take it on notice and point us to those. I am happy to go to the website and have a look, but if you could just at least point us to those that would be helpful.

Mr Marchant—Sure. There were very many joint ones done on the lease announcements in New South Wales and the rest. In fact, there are joint documents on the website executed by the company and the government. I will send you some.

Answer:

ARTC Web-site is accessed on www.artc.com.au and previous statements and newsletters can be referenced under Media Releases and the year or Announcement and the year.