

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

**TOPIC:** Questions on Notice

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**QUESTION No.:** AI-11

**Senator KIM CARR:** I have some updated versions of the spreadsheets that I now require, so I trust we will not have the same level of delay. There will be no machinery-of-government problems now, will there?

**Ms Beauchamp:** The sorts of answers that have been requested rely on actuals and commitments. As you would be aware, when you have a number of programs with a number of different funding agreements, those figures can change daily. Yes, we can get them updated for you, but it would be as at a particular date.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Of course, that is right; I understand that. I just cannot see how that explains being eight-week overdue. There are the spreadsheets with a lot of zeros in them. I would not have thought they were particularly difficult. Question on notice S1122 regarding the automotive industry, that was eight weeks overdue. Can you tell me why that one was overdue? Is that the one with the anomaly in it? Was that the problem there?

**Ms Beauchamp:** I would have to take it on notice whether this one had to be corrected....

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**Senator KIM CARR:** That is right. You got them to the minister's office by the due date, by 12 December, but it took eight weeks for them to come out. It is not your problem at all, is it?

**Ms Beauchamp:** As I said, we found a couple of anomalies in these questions and resubmitted them after that.

**Senator KIM CARR:** In this question? On the automotive question you found anomalies? Is that right?

**Ms Beauchamp:** I would have to take that on notice again.

**ANSWER**

The department identified an anomaly in the budget figures listed in SI-122. These figures were reviewed and the response updated. The updated response was provided to the Minister's office on 6 February 2015.