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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Non-Compliant Building Products

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: AI-82

In relation to non-compliant building products, is this still a priority for the Coalition Government? If so, what work is being undertaken by the Department on this issue? Please outline in detail the nature of the Department's work, including any stakeholder consultations.

ANSWER

The Commonwealth has no direct role in regulating building products. Building and construction regulation in Australia is given effect through state and territory legislation. As such, building and construction product compliance is constitutionally a matter for the state and territory governments.

However, the department maintains an ongoing interest in non-conforming building products issues.

Issues relating to addressing non-conforming building products, including state and territory strategies, will be considered at a future Building Ministers' Forum.