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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Punch, discussion with General Motors

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QUESTION No.: AI-13

Senator KIM CARR: What assistance will you be providing Punch with their discussions with General Motors?

Mr Chesworth : They have received the letter of support from the minister and that is all that Punch—

Senator KIM CARR: Has that been communicated to General Motors?

Mr Chesworth : I am not sure. That is certainly in the press, so General Motors would know about it—

Senator KIM CARR: The letter is not in the press.

Mr Chesworth : No, but it is in the press that the minister has written a letter of support. As well as that, that is all that Punch has sought from the government. They were very specific about that.

CHAIR: The minister's letter says, 'I have conveyed that view to the senior management of General Motors Holden here in Australia and have asked them to give your proposal a receptive hearing.'

Senator KIM CARR: That is very good. And when did that happen?

Mr Chesworth : I am not sure.

Senator Sinodinos: We would have to take that on notice.

ANSWER

The department was not present at discussions between the Minister and General Motors Holden, so is unaware of the date.