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TOPIC: CRC for Developing Northern Australia

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QUESTION No.: AI-141

Please provide an update on the establishment of the CRC for Developing Northern Australia.

- a) What was the process for appointing Mr John Wharton AM as the interim chair of the CRC?
- b) Have any other appointments been made? If so, what was the process for making those appointments? If not, when and how will new board members be appointed?
- c) Is it the case that a number of projects are due to commence on 1 July 2016 under the auspices of the CRC? If so, how were these projects selected?
- d) How many partner organisations have been identified, and what is the nature of their participation in the CRC?
- e) How have the former growNORTH partners been engaged in the establishment of the CRC for Developing Northern Australia?

ANSWER

- a) Mr John Wharton AM was appointed by the then Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science using executive power.
- b) No other appointments have been made. The CRC will be an incorporated entity governed by a board as per the requirements of the CRC Programme Guidelines.
- c) Projects will be determined once the CRC is established.
- d) The consultation process is still underway.
- e) growthNORTH partners have been engaged through the consultation process.