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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Consultations on the establishment of the CRC for Developing Northern Australia

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: AI-142

Mr Wharton has been conducting consultations on the establishment of the CRC for Developing Northern Australia.

- a) Which organisations have attended these consultation sessions?
- b) Please provide any documents and/or slides used at these consultations.
- c) Who else has been involved in leading the consultations? Has it been only Mr Wharton with department officials?
- d) Which departments/agencies and branches are contributing officials to assist with the consultations? What is their role?
- e) Which Department is providing primary oversight for this initiative?
- f) How are state and territory agencies being engaged? Have any of these signed up as partners within the CRC?

ANSWER

- a) As at 3 March 2016, around 700 representatives of industry, government and research organisations have attended consultation sessions.
- b) A consultation presentation and attendee information and feedback sheet were used. Copies are available on www.business.gov.au/NorthernAustraliaCRC.
- c) The consultations are led by the Interim Chair of the CRC, Mr John Wharton AM, with support from the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science and Bendelta Pty Ltd (a strategic advisory firm engaged to assist the Interim Chair).
- d) The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science is contributing officials. Members of the Single Business Service Programme and CRC Programme Branch and National Outreach Network in AusIndustry – Business Services Division are providing logistic support and information on the CRC Programme and other Government initiatives, and assisting the Interim Chair. They have been supported by the Office of Northern Australia and policy colleagues from the Science and Commercialisation Policy Division.
- e) The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.
- f) State and territory agencies have been engaged in direct consultation with the Interim Chair and the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science. Consultations with potential partner organisations are continuing.