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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Non-Compliant Building Products Report

REFERENCE: Question on Notice (Hansard, 3 June 2014, and Page 79).

QUESTION No.: BI-80

Senator KIM CARR: Did the report find that non-conforming products were widespread across the building and construction sector, to the extent that 92 per cent of respondent countries reported non-conforming products in their market sector and 45 per cent reported having adverse impacts on revenue margins and employment numbers. Is that correct?

Dr Green: I think that is a correct statement of something that is in the report.

Senator KIM CARR: The report did contain a number of recommendations. Is that correct?

Dr Green: Yes, there were some recommendations in the report.

Senator KIM CARR: What are you doing about the recommendations?

Dr Green: I think it would be better to take specific actions that were undertaken on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you.

ANSWER

In the report, '92% of 222 respondents believed that their market had been penetrated by non-conforming product' (Finding 3) and '82 % indicated that non-conforming products had impacted their business, of which 45% of respondents reported non-conforming products had adversely affected revenue/margins and employment numbers' (Finding 4). The recommendations have been provided to industry for consideration.