

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio
Additional Estimates 2005-2006, 16 February 2006

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES
TOPIC: MINISTER MACFARLANE'S TRIP TO DETROIT AND TEXAS
REFERENCE: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

QUESTION No.AI-58

Senator Campbell asked:

(In relation to Minister Macfarlane's trip to Detroit and Texas) What role did the Department have in the meetings and the preparations?

ANSWER

The Department played a coordination role with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Austrade. The Department also liaised with GM-Holden, Ford Australia, DaimlerChrysler and the Federation of Automotive Products Manufacturers over logistical arrangements for the meetings.

QUESTION No.AI-59

Senator Campbell asked:

Who did the Minister meet with?

ANSWER

For the meetings with Ford Motor Company, the Minister met with:

- Mr Jim Padilla, President and Chief Operating Officer;
- Mr Mark Schulz, Executive Vice President, International;
- Mr Stephen Biegun, Vice President, International Governmental Affairs;
- Mr Toni Brown, Senior Vice President, Global Purchasing; and
- Mr Tom Gorman, President, Ford Australia.

For the meetings with General Motors, the Minister met with:

- Mr Rick Wagoner, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer;
- Mr Bo Andersson, Vice President, Global Purchasing and Supply Chain;
- Mr Tom Kowaleski, Vice President, GM Global Communications;
- Mr Mustafa Mohatarem, Chief Economist;
- Ms Susan Chapman, Director, eCommerce & Asia Pacific Trade Policy;
- Mr John Wilson, Vice President & General Counsel, GM Asia Pacific;
- Mr David Lake, Director Public Policy, GM Asia Pacific;
- Mr Rob Leggat, Director, Corporate Communications, GM Asia Pacific;
- Mr Denny Mooney, Chairman & Managing Director, GM-Holden Australia; and
- Ms Alison Terry, Executive Director, Corporate Affairs, GM-Holden Australia.

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QUESTION No.AI-60

Senator Campbell asked:

Who was present at these meetings?

ANSWER

The following people attended the meetings.

- The Hon Ian Macfarlane MP
- The Hon Andre Haermayer MLA, Minister for Manufacturing and Export (Vic)
- Mr Dennis Richardson, AO, Australian Ambassador to the United States of America
- Mr Bob Charles, Consul-General of Australia
- Mr Robert Underdown, Industry Advisor to the Hon Ian Macfarlane, MP
- Ms Kirsty Boazman, Media Advisor to the Hon Ian Macfarlane, MP
- Ms Deborah Kennedy, Chief of Staff to the Hon Andre Haermeyer, MLA
- Mr Ben Foskett, Chief Executive Officer, Invest Victoria
- Mr John Ryan, Deputy Secretary, Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources

The components producers met separately with procurement representatives from Ford Motor Company, DaimlerChrysler and GM. The Ministerial delegation also attended the meeting with GM's procurement representatives. The component producers were represented by Mr Peter Upton (Chief Executive, Federation of Automotive Products Manufacturers), Mr John MacKenzie (Managing Director, Pacifica Group), Mr Bruce Griffiths (Managing Director, Air International Group) and Mr Derek Hodgson (President, PBR International US Ltd).

QUESTION No.AI-61

Senator Campbell asked:

What conclusions/outcomes were reached?

ANSWER

An invitation was extended by General Motors whereby it would work with Australian suppliers on a 'road mapping' exercise. Ford has committed to working with Australian component manufacturers to address shortcomings and to help identify supply opportunities within the region including in Thailand, where Ford has manufacturing facilities and which has a bilateral free trade agreement with Australia.

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QUESTION No.AI-62

Senator Campbell asked:

- (a) Can the Department confirm that an invitation was extended for parts makers to return to Detroit later this year?
- (b) When is this anticipated to occur?
- (c) What are the objectives of this return meeting?

ANSWER

- (a) An invitation was extended by both Ford and GM to work with Australian suppliers on a 'road-mapping' exercise. In addition, Ford and GM have agreed to a further visit by component manufacturers to Detroit, as announced by Minister Macfarlane on 13 February 2006.
- (b) This visit is expected to take place in the second half of 2006.
- (c) The objective of this meeting is to assist Australian component producers to identify opportunities for greater involvement in both Ford and GMs' global supply chains.