

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES

**TOPIC:** *Government Response to House of Representatives Committee Report entitled Shifting Gears: Employment in the Automotive Components Manufacturing Industry*

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**QUESTION No.** AI-26  
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**Senator CARR asked:**—With regard to the December 2006 report by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Employment, Workplace Relations and Workforce Participation, entitled *Shifting Gears: employment in the automotive components manufacturing industry*, is the department able to indicate when there will be a response to that report?

**Mr P Clarke**—A response is being developed. I cannot give you a date as to when it will come out.

**Senator CARR**—You would have to remind me here because there are requirements of the House of Representatives standing orders in regard to responses to parliamentary reports, aren't there?

**Mr P Clarke**—I do not know.

**Senator CARR**—What is your timeline; that is what I am thinking?

**Mr P Clarke**—We are developing a response.

**Senator CARR**—You do not know when you are required to have that response prepared by?

**Mr P Clarke**—No, I do not know.

**Senator CARR**—Will you take that on notice?

**Mr P Clarke**—Certainly.

**ANSWER**

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Employment, Workplace Relations and Workforce Participation presented its report entitled *Shifting Gears: employment in the automotive components manufacturing industry* to Parliament on 4 December 2006.

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and DITR jointly coordinated the preparation of the Government response to *Shifting Gears*. The response was tabled in Parliament on 9 May 2007.