

**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:** *Uranium Industry Framework*

**REFERENCE:** Hansard 15/2/07, Page E109-E110

**QUESTION No.** AI-9

(Hansard 15/2/07, Page E109-E110)

**Senator CHRIS EVANS asked:**—Are we talking about the options for nuclear energy and uranium mining, or just uranium mining?

**Mr Paterson**—It is the three. It is the uranium industry framework, which has been mentioned; it is what we affectionately call the UMPNE report, which is the report of the task force that Ziggy Switkowski chaired; and it is the House of Representatives report.

**Senator CHRIS EVANS**—Do I take it that your department is chairing the IDC?

**Mr Paterson**—Correct.

**Senator CHRIS EVANS**—Who is that?

**Mr Ryan**—Me.

**Senator CHRIS EVANS**—The buck stops with you? I will make a note of that for future reference! You say there are a lot of departments represented. Do you mind taking on notice the departments that are represented on the IDC?

**Mr Ryan**—I will.

## **ANSWER**

**Departments represented:**

Attorney Generals  
Prime Minister & Cabinet  
Dept Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Dept of Health and Ageing  
Dept of Environment  
Dept of Education, Science and Training  
Treasury  
Finance  
Dept of Transport and Regional Services

**Agencies:**

ARPANSA ( Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency)  
ASNO ( Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office)  
ANSTO ( Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation)