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QUESTION No. AI-5

Senator ABETZ - You said that the AMWU did not have any involvement, to the best of your recollection. If you can give that further consideration. I then followed up by asking: did any AMWU official either in a personal or official capacity have any input into the terms of reference?

Senator Carr—It is not my recollection, but I would like to take that on notice just to make sure that I am correct in every respect.

Senator ABETZ—Did any industry representative in a private, personal or representative role have input into the terms of reference?

Senator Carr—I give the same answer. What we did state as far back as January 2006 is that we would have a broad-ranging inquiry into all aspects affecting the competitiveness of the industry.

ANSWER

A range of individuals provided views to the Minister and his office on matters that should be included in the terms of reference for the automotive review between the time that Federal Labor announced it would bring forward and broaden the review, in March 2007, and the announcement of the review on 13 February 2008.