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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Melba Industries

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Abetz

QUESTION No.: AI-31

Please detail the dates on which Minister Carr has had discussions with this company.

What will be the impact on Australia's car industry, fire-fighters and SAS troops if they close?
Please detail.

Is the Government facilitating discussions with the car manufacturers like it claims it did with ACL?

If not, why not?

ANSWER

The Minister has not had discussions with this company.

Melba Industries supplies fabric for use by the motor vehicle industry and for making-up into uniforms and protective clothing for SAS troops and fire-fighters. Melba Industries is currently under administration, but continues to provide materials for these uses. In the event of closure, there may be short-term supply shortages, but it is likely that other sources of supply will be found.

No.

There has been no request to do so.