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Senator COLBECK—And the United States! Can you tell us when those trips will be made and the number of people in the delegations.

Senator Carr—Steve Bracks, who is one of our automotive ambassadors or envoys, is taking a delegation of component manufacturers. It is a regular trip and it has been scheduled for some time. It is due to occur in early April. I will leave the officers to give detail on the companies that are involved, but a series of companies are going to a number of locations in the United States. As I said, it is part of a regular pattern of visits that occur in North America, Asia and the Middle East by our auto envoys as part of the New Car Plan for a Greener Future. I will be attending and speaking with the international automotive industry in Shanghai, Nagoya and Detroit on my regular trips as part of my normal duties throughout the next few months.

Senator COLBECK—Can you give us on notice the details that I have just asked for and the specifics?

Senator Carr—Why don't we give ministerial travel arrangements in advance for other reasons? I indicate to you that I have a trip organised in relation to the—

ANSWER

Mr Bracks' automotive industry mission to the US is scheduled to take place 3 to 8 April 2011. The delegation will comprise 20 people.