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QUESTION No.: AI-8

Senator LUDLAM—Minister, can I put that one to you, if I can just grab your attention for a moment? Could you update us on the status of Australia's participation, formal or informal, in the GIF?

Senator Carr—I am just checking my facts on this matter. This question has been before government and still remains before government.

Senator LUDLAM—So no decision yes or no?

Senator Carr—No decision has been taken on the matter.

Senator LUDLAM—We have not withdrawn our request to participate?

Senator Carr—That is my recollection. I would like to ensure that there is no agency that has advised you of that, but it is not a position I believe I have advised ANSTO of on behalf of the government.

Senator LUDLAM—Can I ask you to put something in writing to the committee at some stage?

Senator Carr—We will take the question on notice; what the position is, if that would be suitable for you?

ANSWER

The Government has made no decision regarding Australia's participation in the Generation IV International Forum.