

QUESTION No.26

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Senator Lundy asked about:

What was the objective of the recent meetings between the Department and the automotive industry and can the minutes of these meetings be provided to the Committee?

ANSWER

There are no minutes of the meetings held with industry participants, but individual officers attending took notes of matters discussed. The discussions with industry participants occurred on the express understanding that the matters discussed were commercial-in-confidence. They also occurred solely for developing and providing policy advice to Ministers in the context of Cabinet consideration. As such, the Department is unable to provide copies of notes of discussions with industry participants.