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QUESTION No. B1-98

Mr Pennifold—If I can come back to that point, I have found the material and we engaged a consultant called Howard Partners to do a study for us. It was done through an open tender. That work has just been completed and it identifies the nature and extent of the impact of intermediaries on the sustainability and growth of small and medium sized enterprises in Australia. That report has not been made public, but we will consider making public a version with the commercial-in-confidence material removed.

Senator CARR—Thank you very much. When did you receive the evaluation from Howard Partners?

Mr Pennifold—The information I have is that it was completed at the end of October 2006—that was the contract period. I would have to check exactly when we received the report.

ANSWER

The final report was received from Howard Partners on 18 April 2007.