

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**QUESTION No. BI-92**

**Senator ABETZ:**Part of it is a service that in fact has requests from your office seeking the telephone number of Dr Webster. Clearly, it seems that the microeconomist was selected from a panel within the 24 hours before the official announcement; the other people that had been handpicked had been chosen well before—that is correct, is it not?

**Senator Carr**—I would have to take that on notice.

**ANSWER**

The appointment process for the automotive review continued from December 2007 until the announcement of the appointments on 14 February 2008.