Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Transformed Manufactures

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Senator Sherry asked:

Senator SHERRY—We did spend some time on the last occasion discussing the manufacturing sector in terms of exports. You just referred to elaborately transformed manufactures. In which areas has that occurred—the increase in exports in ETMs?

Dr Kennedy-I have not got the detailed breakdown to hand.

Mr Allford—I do not have the breakdown, either. We had eight per cent growth in ETMs in the last quarter, but I am not sure of the industry breakdown of that increase.

Senator SHERRY-You don't have some indication of which-

Mr Allford—We would have the information in the ABS publication, so we can take that on notice for you, if you like.

Answer:

Exports of Elaborately Transformed Manufactures (ETMs) increased by 7.9 per cent in the June quarter 2005. This was mainly due to a 33.1 per cent increase in transport equipment. A 4.4 per cent decrease in machinery provided a partial offset. There was a 6.9 per cent increase in other manufactures.