

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES  
**TOPIC:** RELEASE OF NATIONAL MANUFACTURING REPORT: "STRATEGIC ACTIONS TO BOOST AUSTRALIAN MANUFACTURING"  
**REFERENCE:** WRITTEN QUESTION

**QUESTION No.SI-59**

**Senator Carr** asked:

Is the Department aware of the release of a report by the National Manufacturing Forum (NMF), "Strategic Actions to Boost Australian Manufacturing"?

**ANSWER**

The Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources is aware of the document.

**QUESTION No.SI-60**

**Senator Carr** asked:

What does the Department identify as key issues arising from this document?

**ANSWER**

The document's Framework for Government Policy lists 22 strategic priorities.

The document lists 10 areas for recommended strategic actions. The Department sees merit in some proposals but would argue that actions are already in place in many areas and would not support other proposals.

**QUESTION No.SI-61**

**Senator Carr** asked:

How is the NMF report being taken into account in preparing the 2007 'Global Integration' Industry Statement?

**ANSWER**

The Industry Statement Task Force is taking all relevant material into account in advising the Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources on the Industry Statement. In addition, the Chair of the NMF was invited to attend the Minister's consultations (but was unavailable).

The Minister has also written to state and territory counterparts inviting their contributions in developing the statement and advising them of the outcomes of the consultations held in their jurisdiction.