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Senator ABETZ—Thank you very much. That is all I really need to know on that one. Can I quickly backtrack, Minister? You indicated that you did not say certain things on Radio National. I am a trusting sort of fellow and I am willing to take your word on that but, just to confirm my trust, I am sure that your media monitors would have had that transcribed. Could I invite you to provide the committee with a transcript of that Radio National interview?

Senator Carr—I think you will find it is on the ABC website. I thought there was actually a transcript—

Senator ABETZ—Whilst that is happening, I have been advised that your wonderful words in relation to Radio National are, in fact, not able to be obtained from the ABC website or there are technological deficiencies within my office. I was wondering if your office could provide that transcript. That would be most helpful.

Senator Carr—I will take that on notice. The truth is I do not get transcripts for most of the work I do. It may well be we can provide you with a copy of the interview, I just do not know.

ANSWER

The Department has purchased the audio file from the Radio National, National Interest Program interview with presenter Peter Mares on 12 September. The audio file can be provided or emailed to your office upon request. A copy of the transcript was not purchased, however it is available from Media Monitors for a fee of approximately \$600.