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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Red Book

REFERENCE: Written Question—Senator Fielding

QUESTION No.: SI-26

1. Did the department prepare a post-election brief for a returned Labor Government (the so-called 'Red Book')?
2. Can the department provide the committee with a copy of this brief?
3. If not, can the department outline its reasons for refusing to provide a copy of this brief? If the department will not provide a copy of this brief because it contains confidential or sensitive information, can the department provide a redacted copy of this brief as was done by the Treasury Department?
4. Has the Minister given any instructions to the department regarding the release of this brief and if so, what were these instructions?

ANSWER

1. Yes
2. The department is currently responding to FOI requests for the brief. Once these requests have been processed consideration will be given as to whether a copy of the brief will be published.
3. Refer Answer 2.
4. No.