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TOPIC: GOVERNMENT'S PRIME MINISTERIAL TASKFORCE ON MANUFACTURING

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Colbeck

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1. On what dates has the Government's Prime Ministerial Taskforce on Manufacturing met so far? For what future dates have meetings been organised?
2. What cities has the taskforce visited, and what cities will it visit?
3. Does the Department and/or any other agency provide any form of administrative support for the taskforce – if so, what is the nature and cost of this support?

ANSWER

1. The Prime Ministerial Taskforce on Manufacturing has not met yet. Its first meeting will occur before the end of 2011.
2. The workplan and consultation process for the Taskforce will be settled at its first meeting.
3. The Taskforce will be supported by a Secretariat located within the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research including seconded officers from other departments. To steer and co-ordinate the input from government, the Taskforce will also be supported by a Deputy Secretaries Working Group, chaired by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research and including the departments of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Treasury, Finance and Deregulation, Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, Defence, Austrade and Resources, Energy and Tourism. The cost will be dependent on the workplan, however it will be met from existing budgets.