

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Ford job losses

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 17 October 2012 pages 42-43)

**QUESTION No.:** SI-21

**Senator RYAN:** I will move on. Prior to the announcement by Ford on 17 July of the 440 job losses, was the government, in this case the minister—I appreciate you will probably have to take this on notice, Senator Lundy—or the department provided with any indication of any kind that Ford was to make an announcement of those job losses?

**Mr Durrant:** We will have to take it on notice. I believe that Ford notified me of the announcement on the day or the day before.

**Senator RYAN:** Would you take notice when you were told—I appreciate you might not have that off the top of your head—who was told, if there was someone other than you in the department, and when they were told. Minister, I would ask you to take on notice when the minister's office, if it was, was provided with such notice, by whom, who was told and when they were told.

**Senator Lundy:** Yes.

**ANSWER**

Ford informed Minister Combet's office on 16 July 2012.

The Department was informed by Minister Combet's office on 16 July 2012.

Ford provided the Department an under embargo copy of its media release on the announcement on the morning of 17 July 2012.