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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: 2030 Vision for Developing Northern Australia

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION NO.: SI-123

I refer to the election commitment of June this year contained in their document ‘2030 Vision for Developing Northern Australia’, to look at establishing a CRC responsible for developing Northern Australia.

1. How is this process going?
2. Has the Department provided advice to the Minister on establishing such a CRC? If so, when?
3. What is the timeframe for the establishment of a CRC for Northern Australia?
4. Is the Department working with the agency that’s running the White Paper, providing policy advice or information for example on how the CRC program runs?
5. Is the Department represented on any committees or working groups associated with the development of this White Paper?

ANSWER

1. Establishing a CRC responsible for Developing Northern Australia is one of the policy options identified in the Government’s 2030 Vision for Developing Northern Australia. Policy options will be considered as part of the White Paper process which is expected to be finalised by late 2014.
2. No.
3. A timeframe has not been set.
4. Yes. It is working with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
5. Yes. It is represented on the Northern Australia Secretaries Committee and the Officials Network.