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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: National Workforce Development Fund – Oz-Chill Refrigerants

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: SI-135

In relation to Oz-Chill Refrigerants, which applied for funding under the National Workforce Development Fund. The firm received a contract on 25 May 2013 for 150 training grants and were advised that they could apply for additional funding on completion of the original contracted quota. When they went to up scope on 25 July they were advised that they would have to reapply which they did immediately. They were advised that their application had to be presented to the assessment panel on 9 August (prior to the election being called on 4 August). The company is now experiencing extreme hardship.

- When will Oz-Chill Refrigerants will be notified as to the outcome of their application and could a future contract be backdated to 1 November 2013?

ANSWER

The Department of Industry notified the applicant of the outcome of their application on 6 December 2013. Funding Agreements are executed after the application has been approved. The Department of Industry is not in a position to backdate the execution of a Funding Agreement.