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Mr Danny Pearson MP
Chair
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Parliament House
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Dear Mr Pearson

GEELONG MANUFACTURING HUB

Thank you for your letter dated 17 June 2015 regarding the Public Accounts & Estimates Committee and the question taken on notice regarding the Geelong Manufacturing Hub.

The Victorian Government made an election commitment of \$3 million to Deakin University as a contribution towards the development of a manufacturing hub in Geelong. This project is an initiative that will help to help develop new manufacturing businesses in Geelong, related to research undertaken at Deakin University.

The funding is to be provided from the Government's new \$500 million Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund.

Regional Development Victoria, within the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, is working with Deakin University in relation to how this election commitment is to be delivered.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely

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