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## 1. David DAVIS, page 31

## **Question Asked to:**

...Essentially, you were given material by the department and asked to run some analysis on that material through your model. That is the short story. Your model in a sense is like a black box: you put it in and out come the results. I would say perhaps to you, without any criticism of your model, if you put in some rubbish assumptions that you have been given, the outputs are not going to be reliable in any event. Rubbish in, rubbish out is what I am saying to you here. And I am not criticising your firm in any way; I am just saying you were provided with information on which you had to rely.

Michael MALAKELLIS: Yes, that is correct.

David DAVIS: And the material that was provided to you – the input came

in a spreadsheet, you are saying.

Michael MALAKELLIS: That is correct.

David DAVIS: Can we have a copy of that spreadsheet, please?

## **Response:**

The data contained in the spreadsheet remains the property of the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions (**the Department**). The Committee should refer their request for this spreadsheet to the Department.