AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: ANTI-DUMPING COMMISSION

TOPIC: Productivity Commission's Safeguards Review

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Senator KIM CARR: Turning to the Productivity Commission. There is a recent report that the Productivity Commission has taken in regard to imported fruit and tomatoes. Did you have any input into that report?

Mr Seymour: The safeguards review is the one you are referring to?

Senator KIM CARR: Yes.

Mr Seymour: The Productivity Commission obviously takes that matter themselves. Our contribution to that was minimal.

Senator KIM CARR: Why is that?

Mr Seymour: It was their review.

Senator KIM CARR: They did not ask you?

Mr Seymour: I will take that on notice. I am not sure that they actually formally came to us.

ANSWER

The Anti-Dumping Commission did not formally participate in the Productivity Commission's safeguard inquiries into fruit and tomato products.

The Anti-Dumping Commission informally contacted the Productivity Commission after the safeguard inquiries were announced. The purpose of this communication was to explain the processes and timeframes for the anti-dumping investigations and to note that all non-confidential submissions and key findings would be placed on the electronic public record, available on the Anti-Dumping Commission's website.

The Commissioner of the Anti-Dumping Commission initiated separate investigations into the alleged dumping of canned peaches from South Africa and canned tomatoes from Italy in July 2013.