

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS

**REVIEW OF THE AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT
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12QW: Music industry: APRA-AMCOS and licenses

The granting of licenses by APRA-AMCOS occurs in the knowledge that consumer services are being used in a public performance context. Such licensing of infringing services benefits APRA-AMCOS financially but is anti-competitive to the detriment of other commercial operators in the market and knowingly causes licensees to materially breach associated supplier agreements. Will the upcoming authorisation process consider whether such behaviour constitutes a misuse of market power and is conduct that results in substantial consumer and small business detriment?

Answer: If and when APRA seeks re-authorisation, the ACCC will consult publicly and assess all public benefits and detriments that are likely to arise from the conduct.