

Senate Economics Committee Inquiry into Micro-competition opportunities

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Agency: Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Reference: Public hearing - 9 September 2025
Senator: Jane Hume

Question:

1. **Senator Hume:** Let me just be really clear. Is the ACCC conducting any formal investigations into PEXA right now—you said not necessarily for the activity that I mentioned before, but for any other misuse of market power?

Answer:

1. The ACCC has previously considered reports of anti-competitive conduct in the eConveyancing market.

In 2022-23 the ACCC undertook a detailed and considered investigation into concerns reported by market participants.

The ACCC carefully considered the available material and formed the view that material did not establish a contravention of the Competition and Consumer Act, and ended its investigation. Since completing that investigation the ACCC has assessed related concerns of anticompetitive conduct in e-conveyancing markets. The ACCC is currently conducting a preliminary assessment of a recently raised concern.

The ACCC is continuing to monitor the progress of interoperability reforms and the conduct of market participants. The ACCC prioritises investigations of anti-competitive conduct and will consider any new evidence that is provided by market participants that supports a potential breach of section 46 of the Competition and Consumer Act.