



Senate Economics References Committee

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MEDIA RELEASE

Inquiry into the Credit and financial services targeted at Australians at risk of financial hardship

The Committee notes speculation in the media about movement in certain companies' shares and the distribution of a draft copy of the report to committee members earlier this week. The Committee has no evidence to suggest the report was disclosed to external parties. As such, there is no investigation being undertaken by the Senate into unauthorised disclosure of confidential material.

The Senate has clear procedures in place to deal with unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings. Should evidence come to light that the Committee's deliberations have been disclosed, the Committee will use those procedures to investigate the matter. All members of the Committee take their obligations in relation to privilege seriously.

The Committee would of course consider any request for assistance from the Australian Securities and Investments Commission if it is made.

The full report will be available on the Committee's website later today:

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Economics

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