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Dear Mr Monk

Following the public hearing on 19 March 2012 of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties on the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade undertook to provide information to a question from Senator Thistlethwaite.

Question from Senator Thistlethwaite: what is the role of the SOPA/PIPA legislation in implementing ACTA?

The Attorney General's Department provided a summary of the United States' Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and PROTECT Intellectual Property Act (PIPA) to the Committee on 23 March 2012. Neither of these legislative proposals implement ACTA.

Yours sincerely

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