

Terms of Reference

On 2 March 2015, the Senate referred the following matters to the Economics Reference Committee for inquiry and report by 14 May 2015.

- (a) the role, importance, and overall performance of cooperative, mutual and member-owned firms in the Australian economy;
- (b) the operations of cooperatives and mutuals in the Australian economy, with particular reference to:
 - (i) economic contribution,
 - (ii) current barriers to innovation, growth, and free competition,
 - (iii) the impact of current regulations, and
 - (iv) comparisons between mutual ownership and private sale of publicly held assets and services; and
- (c) any related matters.

