

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Marketing in Australia of Infant Formulas: Manufacturers and Importers Agreement

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Senator: Moore, Claire

Question:

Senator MOORE: The ACCC is currently doing an inquiry—Marketing in Australia of Infant Formulas: Manufacturers and Importers Agreement.

Dr Southern: Yes.

Senator MOORE: I know that is going to the ACCC, but does Health have any engagement with that?

Dr Southern: I will cover that when we come back to you on notice.

Answer:

The Department has provided two written submissions to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) review of the application from the Infant Nutrition Council (INC) seeking the revocation of authorisations A90539 and A90540 and the substitution of authorisations A91506 and A91507 for the ones revoked (re-authorisation of the Marketing in Australia of Infant Formula: Manufacturers and Importers Agreement (MAIF Agreement)).

Copies of both the Department's submissions are available on the ACCC's public register.

The Department has also participated in teleconferences and face to face inter-governmental meetings with the ACCC and will continue to engage as this progresses.