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**Senator Back, Chris asked:**

Referring to the answer given to QON 230, giving reason to undertake a targeted assessment of the Clean Energy Council (CEC), is the CER aware that on 28 August 2014, The Clean Energy Council's Media Manager wrote an email to the CEO of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) and copied it to six journalists from major Australian newspapers using a fictitious alias, Matthew Murdoch?

**Answer:**

The Clean Energy Regulator was not previously aware of this allegation. However, even if the agency was aware of the allegation, and for the reasons set out in Additional Estimates 2016 Question on Notice 230, the agency does not regulate or investigate the behaviour of the Clean Energy Council or its staff.