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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: International Trade Remedies Advisory Service

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: AI-84

With regard to announcement that the Government is currently developing a new International Trade Remedies Advisory Service, which will commence in early 2015:

1. Can you provide an update- has the program commenced?
2. Was there any gap in terms of the commencement of this program and the ceasing of the program which was being delivered to the AiG?
3. Will the service be delivered by Department of Industry or the Anti-dumping Commission?
4. What is the funding for the service in comparison to the previous funding provided to the AiG for this service?
5. Has the former International Trade Remedies Advisor who was seconded with the AiG being retained through this process? If not, why not?

ANSWER

1. The International Trade Remedies Advisory (ITRA) Service has commenced delivering assistance to small and medium sized businesses.
2. No.
3. The ITRA Service is being delivered by the AusIndustry - Business Services Division of the Department of Industry and Science. It is not being administered by the Anti-Dumping Commission.
4. Funding for the previous and current ITRA Service is as follows:

Financial Year		2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Previous funding	(\$m)	0.213	0.289	0.342	0.202	0	0	0
Current funding		-	-	0.412	0.541	0.539	0.544	0.550

5. For continuity of service, the department approached the original adviser about continuing in the role after the ITRA Service had been moved to the Department of Industry and Science. The adviser declined the offer to continue in the role.