Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Reviewing the Functions of the Anti-Dumping Review Panel

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QUESTION No.: AI-11

Senator KIM CARR: On page 5 of the APRA letter, you note the recommendation about reviewing the functions of the Anti-Dumping Review Panel, and that of course does not appear in the August letter. Is the government still pushing to have a fee for producers accessing the review panel? Is that still government policy?

Ms Beauchamp: We have not put any further advice up to the minister on that.

Senator KIM CARR: This was a matter defeated in the Senate.

Ms Beauchamp: Correct.

Senator Sinodinos: I have not seen anything since I have been minister.

Senator KIM CARR: This is a fee of up to \$10,000 for users. I am just wondering what the formal position is. Do you want to take that on notice?

Senator Sinodinos: Yes, but, since it was defeated, I cannot see it coming back any time soon.

Senator KIM CARR: I am pleased to hear that. As you know, there are a number of 'zombie measures' in the Senate.

Senator Sinodinos: The Minister for Finance does not like them being referred to as 'zombie measures'.

Senator KIM CARR: Yes, but he is not in the Senate, is he?

Senator Sinodinos: No; he is: Cormann.

Senator KIM CARR: The question then is whether or not it remains as part of the government's

assessment for the future. That is why I am asking the question in that regard.

Senator Sinodinos: We will take that on notice.

ANSWER

There is no cost associated with seeking review of anti-dumping decisions by the Anti-Dumping Review Panel and the Government is not pursuing a fee for access.