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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Stronger Compliance Working Group

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: BI-165

In relation to the agreed work from the Stronger Compliance Working Group (27 July 2012) that Customs and Border Protection would analyse other jurisdictions approaches to sharing import data - which Customs committed would occur in 2013 at the August 2012 meeting of the ITRF and noting the 25 March 2013 meeting of the ITRF in which Customs and the ABS agreed to report to the Forum on restrictions to accessing import data and the approach taking by other border agencies:

- a. Have forum members received any information?
- b. Has this work progressed?
- c. Is this work progressing?
- d. If not, why not?

ANSWER

- a. Information has not been circulated to International Trade Remedies Forum (ITRF) members in relation to this issue.

The analysis and international comparisons were agreed to be completed in 2013. An ITRF meeting has not been held since March 2013. The analysis and information will be shared and discussed with the ITRF at an appropriate opportunity.

- b. Information was prepared in anticipation of the proposed meeting of the ITRF in August 2013. However, this meeting was postponed due to the operation of caretaker conventions prior to the Federal election in September 2013 (see answer to BI-20).
- c. See response b.
- d. See response b.