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

TOPIC: WTO Agreement on Subsidies

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: BI-171

In relation to the Government's election policy to strengthen enforcement of the provisions of the WTO Agreement on subsidies and countervailing measures, has there been any direction to change policy or any change of practice in this area?

ANSWER

The Government's *Policy to Boost the Competitiveness of Australian Manufacturing* commits to strengthening enforcement of the provisions of the World Trade Organization Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures.

The Department of Industry and the Anti-Dumping Commission are working together to develop options to implement the Government's election commitments to improve Australia's anti-dumping system. It is anticipated that the Government's reforms will be implemented in coming months.