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QUESTION No: BI-60

Senator KIM CARR: Can you tell me about the increase in the volume of steel imports in the last six months? Do you have any advice for me on that?

Mr Sexton: We do not have any information here about that.

Senator KIM CARR: Could you take that on notice? I am particularly interested as to whether there has been an increase in the number of inquiries to the commission relating to steel dumping and whether those inquiries have led to a formal application.

Mr Sexton: I do not have figures in relation to inquiries but more than 80 per cent of our applications relate to steel or aluminium dumping.

ANSWER

In relation to the increase in the volume of steel imports in the last 6 months, please see answer to BI-75.

The Commission is not able to identify with any accuracy the number of enquiries that relate to steel dumping as often enquirers ask generic questions or do not disclose the specific industry or product grouping.