

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

TOPIC: Anti-Dumping system

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No: BI-76

1. Is the Department aware of any work undertaken by Customs and Border Protection on import data? If so, when will this work be discussed with users of Australia's anti-dumping system, for example through the International Trade Remedies Forum?
2. Is the Department aware that the lack of transparency around import data a concern for industry stakeholders? Has this issue been raised in any submissions or representations made to the government?
3. When will the next meeting of the International Trade Remedies Forum be convened?
4. Will import data be on the agenda for the next meeting of the International Trade Remedies Forum? If so, will any work undertaken by Customs and Border Protection on import data be made available prior to that meeting?

ANSWERS

1. The department is not aware of any specific work being undertaken by Customs and Border Protection on import data in the context of the anti-dumping system.
2. Stakeholder's access to import data held by the Australian Bureau of Statistics was fully discussed at previous meetings of the International Trade Remedies Forum, and through the Import Data Working Group which sits under that Forum. The previous Government made a decision not to make changes to existing legislation or practice concerning the confidentiality of that data.
3. The Australian Government is currently considering the date of the next meeting of the International Trade Remedies Forum.
4. The Government is currently considering the agenda for the next meeting of the International Trade Remedies Forum. Given the matter has already been discussed in depth at previous meetings of the International Trade Remedies Forum, and responded to, the Government may choose to prioritise other issues.