Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Procedures afforded to overseas versus Australian manufacturers

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Xenophon

QUESTION No.: SI-54

I note the Commission will "generally aim" to visit the largest exporters of the product under investigation from a particular country. The Commission has sufficient resources to cover up to three exporters for a country or less if the investigation involves multiple countries.

Does the Commission consider on-site verification as the ideal/preferred way to gain satisfaction as to the reliability and completeness of exporter data? Can you advise how much funding the Commission allocates for these on-site verifications?

ANSWER

On-site verification is one of a number of types of verification activities which can be undertaken. The most appropriate type of verification activity will be undertaken based on the particular circumstances of the case.

The Anti-Dumping Commission does not separately allocate funding for on-site verification. Funding is allocated to investigations on a case by case basis via the allocated case management model.