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TOPIC: Percentage of steel measures that apply to China

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Senator KIM CARR: This is the question that arises about balance, reason and how long it takes to get things done. Where are we at with steel?

Mr Seymour: We have a significant workload in steel. At a very high level, the commission is currently managing 63 measures of which 43 are directly related to steel products. An additional four are related to aluminium products. Of those 43 steel measures, that relates to 13 steel products over 12 countries. The split between Arrium and BlueScope, in terms of the effectiveness of those measures, is 19 measures relating to Arrium products and 16 measures relating to BlueScope products.

Senator KIM CARR: You said 12 countries. What is the major country involved with that?

Mr Seymour: China.

Senator KIM CARR: By what number?

Mr Seymour: It is overwhelmingly the highest percentage.

Senator KIM CARR: Half?

Mr Seymour: I will come back with the percentage.

Senator KIM CARR: In terms of the percentage on those countries.

Mr Sexton: We do not have a figure here with us in relation to steel but, when you look at the measures as a whole, some 37 per cent of all measures relate to China.

Mr Seymour: With steel it would be a lot higher than that.

Senator KIM CARR: If you could get that just for steel—

Mr Seymour: Yes.

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you very much.

ANSWER

As at 31 October 2016, 34.9% of the steel measures* apply to exports from China.

*excludes provisional measures