Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: aet 5 (ACCC)

Topic: Anti-Cartel Behaviour

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Senator MURRAY asked:

I noticed in a recent email WebAlert the ACCC reissued the ICN anti-cartel enforcement template originally published in December 2005 – could you please explain why?

If there was an increase in requests, is there any indication of what type of behaviour people were interested in finding out concerning anti-cartel behaviour? Are there positive indications on this front?

Answer:

The anti-cartel enforcement template is an initiative of the International Competition Network where each member country provides a brief overview of the antitrust laws within their jurisdiction. The template was prepared in 2005 but was only recently added to the ACCC Internet site.