

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Competitive Neutrality Program

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Senator Eggleston asked: Does the Productivity Commission continue to support the Competitive Neutrality Program? Was this applied for the superannuation clearing house?

Answer:

The Australian Government Competitive Neutrality Complaints Office (AGNCO) is housed within the Productivity Commission, and administers the Australian Government's competitive neutrality complaints mechanism. The AGNCO role in respect of complaints is legislated under Sections 21 and 22 of the *Productivity Commission Act 1998*. The Office draws on staff within the Commission as needed, when queries or formal complaints arise. There has been no complaint received in respect of a superannuation clearing house.