

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates

1 June – 3 June 2010

**Question: BET 270**

**Topic: Productivity Commission investigations**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Eggleston asked:**

Does the Productivity Commission believe that it should be involved in investigations into:

- The dairy industry, as recommended by the Senate Economics References Committee?
- The degree of competition in lending to small businesses, as submitted by the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry in their submission into access of small business to finance?

**Answer:**

The *Productivity Commission Act 1998* provides for the relevant Minister to commission inquiries and studies. The work program of commissioned inquiries and studies is a matter for government.