

## Senate Standing Committee on Economics

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Birdsville

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Senator Ryan asked:

Mr Cassidy: We want to clarify something about the previous question. The four and one figure was in fact correct, but we will on notice—

Senator RYAN: What is that, sorry?

Mr Cassidy: The four and one figure I gave you previously.

Mr Samuel: Are in respect to the Birdsville issue.

Mr Cassidy: It was in fact correct. On notice, we will give you the story of what has happened since the last estimates.

Senator RYAN: That would be appreciated. It will save me writing it up.

Answer:

During the third quarter of 2010–2011, the ACCC received 217 contacts relating to predatory pricing, comprising of the following:

- 211 complaints alleging predatory pricing
- 6 inquiries seeking information about the provisions.

This represents a spike in complaints compared with past periods, which reflects a number of complaints in relation to one particular matter.

Of the predatory pricing complaints received in the third quarter of 2010–2011, six matters progressed to the initial investigation stage and three progressed to an in-depth investigation stage.

As at the date of the Budget Estimates hearings, the ACCC had four predatory pricing in-depth investigations on hand.