

## Senate Standing Committee on Economics

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator Xenophon asked:

Senator XENOPHON: There were a number of complaints made. Was SeaLink contacted by the ACCC? There may be a genuine misunderstanding on the part of the senior executive.

Mr Gregson: My understanding, Senator, is that in the course of the 2010 consideration we obtained a large amount of information, or at least information that was of assistance to our investigation. The precise source of that I would have to take on notice.

Senator XENOPHON: So you did not contact SeaLink? Could you take that on notice?

Mr Gregson: Well, the precise answer I will take on notice.

Answer:

In the course of the 2010 consideration of complaints made against Sealink the ACCC received information from sources other than Sealink itself. That information was considered sufficient for ACCC investigators to assess the matters raised. As such it was not considered necessary to contact Sealink at that time.