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**Inquiry into the proposed Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for
Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP-11)
Public Hearing –Monday, 30 July 2018
Questions Taken on Notice
Australian Pork Limited**

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Senator MOORE: I would expect that you are all very experienced in labour-market testing because of the information you've just provided to us. So what's the advantage in an industry that you know so well where you have got existing labour-market-testing processes and not having to do it?

Mr Robertson: It can speed up the process of recruiting labour from overseas.

Senator MOORE: By how much?

Mr Robertson: I think the requirement under the new system is for something like demonstrating advertising for a few months, at least.

Senator MOORE: Have you quantified it? Would you be able to give us on notice what your data shows?

Ms Kerr: Yes.

Response:

We undertook to provide information about the length of time required for employer sponsors to undertake labour market testing (LMT) before employing skilled workers from overseas under the temporary skilled migration (TSS) program. The LMT period is four weeks.

APL quantifies the benefit to farmers in terms of time saved by not having to go through the LMT process. The amount of time saved is four weeks.