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Hi Emma, good to talk to you today. As discussed, the ACCC has received a complaint regarding anti-competitive conduct, of the type described to the Committee. We are considering the substance of the complaint, and a number of lines of inquiry from here.

I note that we do not generally comment on ongoing investigations or enforcement matters, and would limited in what we would be willing to say in any appearance before this or other Committees in relation to matters under active consideration. If during the course of its work the Committee receives further information on this (or any other) competition complaint, the ACCC would be interested in receiving it from complainants.

I also note that quotas and licencing are (generally) matters falling under specific regulation, and their competition and other impacts can be issues of policy design. That can limit what agencies like the ACCC can do in response to complaints about them – for example, where the activity is specifically authorisation under legislation, this may exclude it from the scope of the competition provisions of the Competition and Consumer Act..

I hope that assists – happy to discuss.

Thanks,

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