

**Public hearing: Senate Economics legislation Committee – Inquiry into Competition and Consumer (Gas Market Code) Regulation 2023**

**Question on notice – Thursday 21 September 2023**

**Senator Dean Smith (paraphrased): How responsive has Minister Husic been to the industry’s concerns? On what date have you met with Minister Husic’s adviser? Is the request to meet with Minister Husic still being considered, or has it been rejected?**

This year, the Australian Dairy Products Federation (ADPF) has been in ongoing dialogue with Minister Husic’s office on a range of issues relating to the state of the Australian dairy processing industry, including the escalating energy (gas) prices – and consequences of being unable to secure sustainable gas supply and safeguard dairy manufacturing in Australia.

We have formally asked to meet with Minister Husic three times – March, and twice in August 2023.

These requests have been declined.

We have met with a Senior Advisor/s from his office in March and June 2023.

Following the ACCC’s most recent advice to us, to engage Minister Husic on this matter (September 2023), we will again pursue this.