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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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TOPIC: Report – International Trade Remedies Advisory Service

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: AI-85

During Budget Estimates in June 2014, Mr Seymour stated that the Anti-Dumping Commission “works very effectively with the Ai Group that administers the grant from the Australian government for the International Trade Remedies Advisor, and the ITRA, as it is referred to, has been a very useful mechanism inside the Ai Group for pulling together SME applications for dumping and duty assessment activity under the Australian antidumping system.” Ms Beauchamp confirmed that the department undertook an evaluation of the service, as per the contract obligation but that the evaluation had not, at that point being made public and that she did not have an anticipated date for publication?

1. Has the report been made public? If not, why not?
2. Did the evaluation inform the Government’s changes to the International Trade Remedies Advisory Service?

ANSWER

1. A copy of the evaluation report was provided to the Australian Industry Group. It was not released more widely as it was an internal evaluation and contains confidential commercial information provided by clients of the International Trade Remedies Advisory Service.
2. The findings of the evaluation report were taken into consideration in the development of the improved International Trade Remedies Advisory Service.