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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Stronger Compliance Working Group

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QUESTION No.: SI-70

Senator KETTER: In relation to the work of the ITRF, I am referring to another question on notice No. BI-165 from budget estimates. The response related to the work of the Stronger Compliance Working Group. I am referring particularly to the analyses of other jurisdictions' approaches to sharing import data. In the response the department stated that the analysis was complete and had not been disseminated to members of the ITRF, as it was postponed in August 2013. The response also states:

The analysis and information will be shared and discussed with the ITRF at an appropriate opportunity.

Has the analysis and information been shared and discussed?

Mr Trotman: Again, I think we might have to take that one on notice.

Senator KETTER: Are you able to say whether the hold-up was because the ITRF has not met?

Mr Trotman: No, as I said in response to your previous question, the government and the department still have an active relationship with members of industry in relation to antidumping matters. So regardless of whether the International Trade Remedies Forum meets or does not meet, the department definitely still progresses the concerns of industry. In relation to that specific matter, though, I will just need to take it on notice

ANSWER

The information has not yet been shared and discussed with any International Trade Remedies Forum (ITRF) members.

The ITRF is under consideration by the Australian Government and there will be announcements made in due course. Until then, no meetings of the ITRF or its working groups have been convened.