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QUESTION No.20
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Senator Lundy asked about:

Was a feasibility study conducted for the Australia-US Free Trade Agreement?

ANSWER

No formal feasibility study was undertaken immediately prior to the commencement of negotiations for the Australia–United States Free Trade Agreement. However, prior to that time, modelling of such an agreement had been commissioned and published by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Also, in the period immediately prior to the formal commencement of negotiations, public submissions were called for and a series of consultations were held with interested parties in Australia.