

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

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**Question: AT 21**

**Topic:** *Analysis by the Corporate Governance International of the AWB structure*

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**Senator WONG asked:**

Is ASIC aware of the analysis by Corporate Governance International of the AWB structure?

**Mr Lucy**—I would have to take that on notice. I am not—

**Senator WONG**—You are not aware that Corporate Governance International was highly critical of the structure, from a governance perspective, of the AWB, and stated this publicly: The question should be asked of governments and regulators how they ever let this governance Frankenstein loose on the largely unsuspecting investment public.

**Mr Lucy**—I am not aware of the report to which you refer.

**Senator WONG**—Has anyone within ASIC looked at this issue? There are very serious issues raised—and I appreciate that this is only the view of one group

**Mr Lucy**—I would have to take it on notice, Senator, because I am not aware of it.

**Answer:**

ASIC is aware of the governance analysis report of Corporate Governance International (CGI) in relation to AWB but does not subscribe to this service.

CGI provides a service to institutional advisors, fund managers and superannuation trustees giving advice as to voting at AGMs and GMs of companies in the S&P/ASX 200 and governance analysis for companies in the S&P/ASX 100.

ASIC does not consider this information to be of direct relevance to its work. ASIC understands that reports are not available other than to subscribers.