

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Treasury Portfolio**  
Budget Estimates, 1 to 4 June 2004

**Question: Bud 70**

**Topic: Liquor Case**

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Senator Conroy asked:

What is the status of the legal proceedings instituted by the ACCC in June 2003 against Woolworths and Liquorland alleging anti-competitive liquor deals?

Answer:

The status of the legal proceedings is as follows:

- Discovery has concluded.
- All parties have filed their lay (non-expert) evidence.
- At the directions hearing on 27 July 2004, the court ordered that the ACCC file its expert report by 30 September 2004 and that Coles and Woolworths file their experts' or joint experts report by 26 November 2004.
- The next directions hearing is listed for 2 February 2005.
- Trial has been provisionally set for 5 weeks commencing on 18 April 2005.