

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: Bud 20

Topic: ACCC – Telstra Imputation Test Modelling

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Senator Lundy asked:

I have a question on what Telstra then has to do. You mentioned imputation testing. What relevance does that have to the competition notice?

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Mr Cosgrave—They have to put together imputation test modelling, which they provide to the Commission. They provided that to the Commission shortly after the initial announcement.

Senator LUNDY—How shortly after?

Mr Cosgrave—We first received notice of the impending rises on the Sunday.

Mr Samuel—On 15 February.

Mr Cosgrave—I believe the modelling was provided to us in the week following that. If you need a precise date I would have to take that on notice

Senator LUNDY—You can take that on notice.

Answer:

The Commission first received ADSL Imputation Test data from Telstra late on 18 February 2004. Further Imputation Test data was provided by Telstra on 19 February 2004. The Commission made continual requests for further information from Telstra over the ensuing weeks up until 19 March 2004. Telstra generally addressed the Commission’s information requests in a timely manner.