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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: Bud 62

Topic: ACCC – Imputation Testing

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Senator Conroy asked:

Senator CONROY—Did the ACCC engage in any imputation testing after 2 February 2005?

Mr Cosgrave—The ACCC continues to conduct imputation testing around broadband pricing and has released to the market since—

Senator CONROY—Specifically in relation to the competition notice? Be as narrow as you like.

Mr Cosgrave—In relation to the competition notice itself, again, as Mr Samuel has indicated, the competition notice was resolved on 21 February.

Senator CONROY—No, I am asking whether you did any between the 2nd and the 21st.

Mr Cosgrave—I would have to take that on notice. I am not quite sure.

Senator CONROY—I would be surprised if you were not able to say yes, to be honest, Mr Cosgrave.

Mr Cosgrave— I think the answer is yes, but I would not want to answer along those lines until I check with some of my officers in that regard.

Answer:

Yes.

Imputation testing was conducted on an ongoing basis from the time Telstra introduced revised wholesale broadband pricing on 1 January 2005, including the period between 2 and 21 February 2005 in relation to the competition notice.