

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: Bud 70

Topic: ACCC – Unfair Contracts

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Senator Lundy asked:

Senator LUNDY—I know you cannot answer those questions so I am not trying to ask you a question that I know you cannot answer. Has the ACCC provided advice to Treasury on the issue of unfair contracts?

Mr Samuel—I do not believe that we have provided advice to Treasury. I do not believe so.

Senator LUNDY—Have you received any correspondence or communication from Treasury about this issue—‘you’ being the ACCC?

Mr Samuel—I would have to take that on notice. I am not aware of any. The only course during which it might have been received would have been in relation to SCOCA meetings. But other than in that context, I am not aware of the matter having come before us.

Answer:

The ACCC has not had any correspondence or communication with Treasury regarding the issue of unfair contracts, beyond the ACCC’s participation in SCOCA meetings.