

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: Bud 63

Topic: ACCC – Witness Statements (Impact of Telstra’s Pricing Behaviour)

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Senator Conroy asked:

Senator CONROY—Were separate witness statements sought from access seekers with respect to the impact of Telstra’s pricing behaviour at different points in time? For example, were specific witness statements sought for the period 20 March to 30 March 2004 to enable the ACCC to engage in imputation testing for this period and gather the other evidence that you have said was so necessary?

Mr Cosgrave—Evidence was sought over different periods of time.

Senator CONROY—Including 20 March to 30 March specifically?

Mr Cosgrave—From my recollection, yes, but I would have to check that.

Senator CONROY—Could you take that on notice?

Mr Cosgrave—I will do that.

Answer:

Whilst separate witness statements were not sought from access seekers for the period 20 March to 30 March 2004, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission sought, and was provided with, separate costing evidence from access seekers in order to conduct margin analysis for this period.