

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

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Mr Antich— From that, are you asking how many working parties there are under SCOCA?

Senator LUNDY—Under SCOCA.

Mr Antich— There are quite a few. FTOAC is one of them. It is a standing working party underneath that. That is the fair trading one that Ms Webb is referring to. But there are working parties on issues such as unfair contracts and property investment advisers, to name two at least. I can give you the rest on notice if you require that.

Senator LUNDY—I certainly do.

Answer:

The following twenty working parties currently operate under SCOCA:

- Consumer Research
- Cross-Jurisdictional Issues
- Direct Marketing Model Code of Conduct
- Domestic Furniture
- E-Commerce
- False Billing/Blowing
- Finance Brokers
- Indigenous Strategies
- Infant Bath Aids.
- Issues involving 190 Consumer Promotions
- National System of Trade Measurement
- National Trade Measurement Legislation
- Overseas Mail Scams
- Pecuniary Penalties
- Property Investment Advisers
- Register of Encumbered Vehicles (REVS)
- Residential Tenancies Databases
- Review of Australian Product Safety System
- Travel Compensation Fund Stage 2
- Unfair Contract Terms

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SCOCA's four standing advisory committees are:

- Fair Trading Operations Advisory Committee (FTOAC)
- Consumer Product Advisory Committee (CPAC)
- Trade Measurement Advisory Committee (TMAC)
- Uniform Consumer Credit Code Management Committee (UCCMC).