

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: bet 109**

**Topic:** Fuel Watch / Section 45 of the Trade Practices Act

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**Senator Joyce asked:**

**Senator JOYCE**—Do you believe that your recommendations in section 45 have to go hand in hand with Fuelwatch?

**Mr Samuel**—No. They are addressing separate issues. These are matters that have been put to government in the context of the report and my understanding is that—

**Senator JOYCE**—Do they talk to the same issue?

**Mr Samuel**—My understanding is that the minister has indicated that government will be reviewing this particular issue.

**Senator JOYCE**—When?

**Mr Samuel**—I would put that question to the minister.

**Senator Sherry**—As I have previously indicated, I will take it on notice.

**Answer:**

The Government has indicated that the need to amend section 45 will be examined in light of proposed amendments to the Trade Practices Act contained in the Trade Practices Amendment (Cartel Conduct and Other Measures) Bill 2008.