

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: bet 116**

**Topic: Fuel Watch – Discussions with APCO**

**Hansard Page: E78**

**Senator Abetz asked:**

**Senator ABETZ**—Has the ACCC spoken with APCO about the issue of Fuelwatch in recent times? I know you have spoken with them in court, but have you spoken with them about Fuelwatch in recent times?

**Mr Samuel**—They gave evidence at our inquiry hearing in Ballarat, I think. But, frankly, I cannot recall whether we asked them about Fuelwatch. I would have to take it on notice.

**Answer:**

Representatives of APCO appeared as a witnesses before the ACCC's inquiry into the price of unleaded petrol on 21 September 2007. The issue of FuelWatch was discussed at this hearing. A copy of the full public transcript is attached.

Further the ACCC had a meeting with APCO on Tuesday 10 June in Melbourne during which Fuelwatch was discussed.