

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**TOPIC:** Pacific Brands

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**QUESTION No.:** BI-71

**Senator ABETZ**—I think we are still in the corporate general overview area. Mr Paterson, I want to ask you about answer No. 1427-1431 that was tabled and presented to the Senate. Without knowing what changes may have been made, is that answer in the exact form it came from the department to the minister's office?

**Mr Paterson**—I could not answer that question. I do not know the answer to the question.

**Senator ABETZ**—Please take that on notice.

**Mr Paterson**—Yes.

**Senator ABETZ**—I would be most disappointed if the department had provided us with this sort of an answer in relation to question (2), where I asked the department: since 1 December 2008, what discussions did the department have with Pacific Brands chairman et cetera and on what dates? Mr Paterson, what discussions has the department had with anybody from Pacific Brands since 1 December 2008?

**Mr Paterson**—That is a question I would have to take on notice. Senator, you have a response to a question on notice. You have asked me whether there is any difference between what we put forward and what was in that answer to the question on notice. I have already said that I will take that on notice.

**ANSWER**

Yes, the tabled response is as provided to the Minister's Office.