

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

1 June – 3 June 2010

Question: BET 71

Topic: Complaints - Anti-Competitive Prices

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Senator JOYCE asked:

Senator JOYCE—Has the ACCC received any complaints alleging anticompetitive price discrimination?

Mr Cassidy—I dare say we have. I cannot tell you the number. Again, I will take that on notice and give you a number if you like.

Answer:

In the period between 10 February 2010 (the date of the ACCC's Additional Estimates 2009–10 hearing) and 30 June 2010 the ACCC received 29 complaints concerning price discrimination. Of these 29 complaints, 16 were placed 'under assessment' with three progressing to the 'initial investigation' phase.

See also the ACCC's response to BET 70.