

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates

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**Question: BET 72**

**Topic: Small Business Collective Bargaining Applications**

**Hansard Page: E96 (02/06/2010)**

**Senator JOYCE asked:**

**Senator JOYCE**—I am not going to pursue it. You are wrong. I am bigger than that. Can the commission indicate how many small business collective bargaining applications under the Trade Practices Act it has received since the last estimates?

**Mr Cassidy**—I note that the total of collective bargaining notifications has been 22 since the amendment was introduced. I am just not quite sure what it is since the last estimates.

**Mr Chadwick**—I probably do not have them with me here since the last estimates only.

**Senator JOYCE**—What does that mean? Just translate that. What does that mean?

**Mr Chadwick**—I think it means I do not have the figures here—we can take it on notice—of how many collective bargaining notifications there have been.

**Senator JOYCE**—You can take it on notice and get back to me.

**Mr Cassidy**—There have been 22 since the amendment was introduced. I do not think we know immediately how many it was since the last estimates.

**Answer:**

Between 10 February 2010 and 30 June 2010 the ACCC received:

- § Four applications for authorisations for collective bargaining arrangements, three of which involved small business, and
- § Seven collective bargaining notifications in respect of four collective bargaining proposals.