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TOPIC: National Trade Measurement System

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Colbeck

QUESTION No: BI-85

Senator Colbeck - What problems have been encountered in the transfer of state responsibilities to the national level through the new Trade Measurement System? Have there been any unforeseen consequences of the move to the new system? If so, what have they been – and what actions have been (or are being) taken to remedy these issues?

ANSWER:

A comprehensive “National Trade Measurement: Report on the transition to a national scheme” has been prepared by the National Measurement Institute (NMI) in consultation with other Australian, state and territory governments officials. The report, which covers all aspects of the transition process, was released in July and is available on the website at www.measurement.gov.au.