

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

31 May – 2 June 2011

Question No: BET 15

Topic: Question AET 139

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Senator Brown asked:

In follow up to the answer to Question AET 139 from the last estimates round, please:

1. Provide the necessary evidence that the commercial in confidence concern of the contacted companies overrode the public interest.
2. Provide the test which was applied to adjudicate the matter.
3. List the companies contacted.

Answer:

1. We have corresponded with the companies that provided the information and they have confirmed that the parameters provided are commercially sensitive.
2. This was tested as part of a Freedom of Information request for the same information.
3. The companies involved cannot be identified due the commercial sensitivity of the information.