

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: SBT 1

Topic: Media Merger Guidelines

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Senator Conroy asked:

Does the government have a view about whether the ACCC should issue media merger guidelines?

Senator Abetz – I dare say somebody in the government may have some views. I am happy to take that on notice to the relevant minister.

Answer:

The Government notes that the ACCC has already published guidelines in respect of its role in mergers. The decision to publish such information is a matter for the Commission.

See also the 31 August 2005 National Press Club speech by the Minister for Communications.