

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS QUESTION
(Supplementary Budget Estimates 20 October – 21 October)

Question: SBT 33

Topic: Review of the Trade Practices Act

Senator # asked:

- In the Bega District News, the new parliamentary secretary for agriculture, fisheries and forestry the Hon Mike Kelly stated: "I also want to work with Bega Cheese and help our farmers become more productive and have greater bargaining power with the Trade Practices Act review."
(<http://www.begadistrictnews.com.au/news/local/news/general/new-role-for-disappointed-kelly/1944551.aspx?storypage=0>)

Is the Treasury or any of its agencies aware of any review by the Government of the Trade Practices Act?

Answer:

As part of a broader Government response to the Senate Economics' Committee's inquiry into the dairy industry, *Milking it for all it's worth – competition and pricing in the Australian dairy industry*, the Government is examining concerns raised around collective bargaining in this industry.