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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Productivity Commission Review

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QUESTION No.: SI-115

1. Has the Department provided any input to the proposed Productivity Commission review of food supply chain regulations?
2. Has the Department undertaken any analysis of the accelerated safeguard inquiries reports by the Productivity Commission into the impact of imports of processed fruit and tomatoes on Australian producers that were provided to government on 26 September 2013?
3. Have any further steps been proposed to look at the impacts of imports on Australian producers?

ANSWER

1. The previous Government committed to a review of the food supply chain in 2014, however no such review is currently on the Productivity Commission's work plan under the current Government.
2. The Department has made note of the accelerated reports by the Productivity Commission into the imports of processed fruit and tomatoes and notes the Commission's final reports are due in December 2013.
3. The Department is awaiting the final reports from the Productivity Commission.