

Terms of Reference

On 24 March 2011 the Senate referred the following matter to the Select Committee on Australia's Food Processing Sector for inquiry and report.

(1) That a select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Australia's Food Processing Sector be established to inquire into, and report by 30 June 2012 on the following matters:

(a) the competitiveness and future viability of Australia's food processing sector in global markets;

(b) the regulatory environment for Australia's food processing and manufacturing companies including but not limited to:

(i) taxation,

(ii) research and development,

(iii) food labelling,

(iv) cross-jurisdictional regulations,

(v) bio-security, and

(vi) export arrangements;

(c) the impact of Australia's competition regime and the food retail sector, on the food processing sector, including the effectiveness of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010;

(d) the effectiveness of anti-dumping rules;

(e) the costs of production inputs including raw materials, labour, energy and water;

(f) the effect of international anti-free trade measures;

(g) the access to efficient and quality infrastructure, investment capital and skilled labour and skills training; and

(h) any other related matter.

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