Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates 2012

15 - 17 February 2012

Question: AET 1246

Topic: Financial Services Blockade

Hansard Page: 15 Feb 2012, pg 129

Senator LUDLAM asked:

Senator LUDLAM: I would appreciate that. On notice, could you provide us with a breakdown, consistent with your privacy obligations, of how many complaints you have received on this matter in its broadest extent.

Mr Gregson: We would be able to do that.

Answer:

The ACCC has received around 40 contacts in relation to the refusal of companies to process payments to Wikileaks, including the correspondence from Senator Brown as referred to by Senator Ludlam at the ACCC's appearance at Additional Estimates on 15 February 2012. The majority of these contacts were made in November 2011 and appear to have been made predominantly by consumers.