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**To:** Ralph Matthes  
**Cc:** Andy Doube; S9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: Authority to release Q&As including answers to MEUGs written questions -- any concerns? [EIAut-ELCOMM.FID47931]  
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Hi Ralph,

Thanks for the prompt response, much appreciated. We're more than happy for you to start discussing those answers with your colleagues/members.

Regards,

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**From:** Ralph Matthes S9(2)(a)

**Sent:** Tuesday, 16 November 2021 4:22 pm

**To:** S9(2)(a)

**Cc:** Andy Doube S9(2)(a); S9(2)(a)

**Subject:** RE: Authority to release Q&As including answers to MEUGs written questions -- any concerns? [EIAut-ELCOMM.FID47931]

Hi S9(2)(a)

cc Andy and S9(2)(a)

Good idea.

No concerns from MEUG about publishing our written questions as is, or that the questions may identify MEUG as the party that asked the question.

Look forward to seeing EA Market Brief next Tuesday and the initial set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's).

We have not discussed MEUG/EA written Q&A with any other party(s) to date. In anticipation that the EA will be publishing initial FAQ next week I will, unless you have an objection, start to share MEUG written questions and EA written answers to date with others.

Kind regards

Ralph

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**From:** [S9(2)(a)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 16 November 2021 3:47 PM

**To:** Ralph Matthes [S9(2)(a)]

**Cc:** Andy Doube [S9(2)(a)]; [S9(2)(a)]

**Subject:** Authority to release Q&As including answers to MEUGs written questions -- any concerns? [EIAut-ELCOMM.FID47931]

Hi Ralph,

We are intending to release a frequently-asked-questions document about the Wholesale Market Review on our website. We are providing the questions and answers to facilitate informed participation in the consultation process and support public trust and confidence in the Authority's transparency. We intend to update this document as more questions come through.

We are also intending to release the answers (slightly revised) to your written questions as part of this process.

We wanted to check whether you had any concerns about MEUG being identified as the source of your questions. (For example in para. 5 of your original attachment you note "a topic of particular interest to MEUG is identifying ... [a] useful metric to monitor aggregate sector economic profit trend". And we reference MEUG in discussing your EVA analysis. (We would of course need to consider any concerns in the context of the Official Information Act.)

If you could let us know if you have any issues over the next two days that would be very helpful. We intend to publicly announce the questions in our market brief next week.

Best regards,

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**From:** Andy Doube

**Sent:** Friday, 5 November 2021 4:01 pm

**To:** Ralph Matthes S9(2)(a)

**Cc:** S9(2)(a); Doug Watt S9(2)(a)

**Subject:** Authority responses to written MEUG questions (1)

Hi Ralph

Thanks again for the call just now. As I said, your members raised a few questions yesterday that looking back I could probably have done a better job at replying to in-session. It's always a bit hard talking in big meetings via zoom though.

I got your note yesterday evening about the questions you had sent though too. The team spent a bit of time going through them in detail this morning and we've tried to answer in as much detail as we can – see attached (get a hold of S9(2)(a) if you have anything more, he's probably a good first port of call). I hope these help – and if there is anything further you need let me know and we'll come back to you (it's a tad busy at the moment – so apologies now if it takes a few days though).

Just to reiterate around process:

- There are two papers – research paper (the review paper) and issues paper (Tiwai paper). Looking for submissions on both
- I think the way to think about the research paper is that it forms the focus for our work on the wholesale market going forward – at the heart of it the question is how we turn the red and amber traffic lights from page 8 onwards green.
- The Tiwai paper is just the first cab off the rank in our response to the research paper – it's not supposed to be a full response, but really is just the first thing. We think it's important to deal to this issue as a first step though because of the size of the potential issue and the size of impact on consumers (including many of your members).
- But the Tiwai paper (and the potential options in there) is only a first step. As well as getting feedback on that paper, we really want to better understand the relative priorities of those other issues, and whether there are ones we're missing.

Give me a bell if you want to chat more about process.

Thanks Ralph, talk again soon, Andy

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