



Ministerial Submission
MS24-000430

FOR ACTION - Government Response to Meta's removal of Facebook News

TO: Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Financial Services - The Hon Stephen Jones MP

TIMING

Urgent – as requested by your office.

RECOMMENDATION

- That you sign the letter at [Attachment A](#) addressed to the Chair of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) requesting the ACCC’s advice.

Signed / Not signed

- That you sign the letters ([Attachment B](#)) to Australian news media publishers regarding today’s announcement by Meta Platforms Inc (Meta).

Signed / Not signed

- That you note the requested factsheet ([Attachment C](#)) provided earlier today for potential public dissemination on the News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code.

Noted

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| Signature | Date: /03/2024 |
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KEY POINTS

- In relation to Meta’s announcement today on the withdrawal of Facebook News in Australia, your office requested letters to be sent to:
 - The ACCC: requesting the ACCC’s advice in relation to the News Media Bargaining Code

- News Media Publishers: alerting them of Meta’s decision and that you have sought advice from the ACCC.
- Also attached is a fact sheet on the Code that was provided earlier in support of your media announcement.

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Director

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01/03/2024

Contact Officer

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Assistant Director (a/g)

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CONSULTATION

The ACCC was consulted on both letters. DITRDCA provided contact details for publishers.

ATTACHMENTS

- A: Letter to the ACCC from the Hon Stephen Jones MP
- B: Letter to publishers from the Hon Stephen Jones MP
- C: Fact sheet on News Media Bargaining Code

News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code

Factsheet

What is the Code and its purpose?

The News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code ('the Code') aims to address bargaining power imbalances to ensure that digital platforms fairly remunerate Australian news businesses for news content, thereby helping to sustain public interest journalism in Australia.

The Code provides incentives for digital platforms and news businesses to reach commercial deals outside of the Code. Where that does not occur, it provides a framework (following designation of a digital platform) for good faith negotiations, and if required, arbitration between the parties.

How does the Code operate?

The Minister may bring individual digital platforms under the Code – that is, 'designate' them. Once designated, a digital platform is subject to the terms of the Code. The process for designation is set out below.

| Steps | Process/Considerations |
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| <i>Step 1:</i> The Minister considers the key criteria for designation | <p>The Minister may designate a digital platform after considering:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Whether there is a significant bargaining power imbalance between the digital platform and Australian news businesses (bargaining limb); and Whether the platform has made a significant contribution to the sustainability of the Australian news industry through agreements relating to the news content of Australian businesses, including agreements about remuneration (sustainability limb). <p>When making a designation determination, the Minister may consider any Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) reports or advice.</p> |
| <i>Step 2</i> Give Notice | The Minister must give the corporation notice in writing that the Minister intends to make a determination specifying a designated digital platform and service(s). |
| <i>Step 3</i> Issue Determination | After 30 days has elapsed (starting on the day the notice is given), the Minister makes the designation determination. |
| <i>Step 4</i> The Code is in operation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration enables news businesses to, for example, participate in the bargaining, mediation, and arbitration processes in the Code with designated digital platforms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> News businesses may be registered by Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) if they satisfy tests relating to annual revenue, the type of news content they publish, having a predominantly Australian audience, and professional and editorial standards. A list of news businesses that have already been registered is on ACMA's website. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where registered news businesses are not satisfied with the outcome of negotiations with designated digital platforms, they can trigger provisions in the Code, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– requiring designated digital platforms to engage in good faith bargaining for up to three months followed by mediation; and– if a commercial deal still cannot be reached, registered news businesses may initiate a compulsory arbitration process to determine the amount of remuneration that designated digital platforms must pay them.• The Code also imposes general obligations on designated digital platforms, including that they:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– provide advance notice to registered news businesses when they make major algorithm changes,– must not differentiate between any news organisations, including registered and unregistered news organisations, due to their participation or non-participation in the Code. |
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History of the Code

The Code was created to address concerns identified by the ACCC in its July 2019 report on digital platforms. The report found substantial bargaining power imbalances between some digital platforms and Australian news media organisations which meant news media organisations were not fairly remunerated for the value their content provided for digital platforms. In particular, the 2019 report identified bargaining power imbalances between Australian news businesses and each of Google Search and Facebook (now Meta) due to the fact these services were both “unavoidable trading partners” for news businesses.

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To: s 22; [Robertson, Belinda](#); s 22
Cc: s 22; [McDonald, Tony](#); [Kelly, James](#); [Philp, Brenton](#)
Subject: Letter to the ACCC requesting advice [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 1 March 2024 5:30:00 PM
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[Tracked change version - Letter to ACCC from The Hon Stephen Jones MP.docx](#)
[Clean version - Letter to ACCC from The Hon Stephen Jones MP.docx](#)

Hi s 22 Belinda, and s 22

As requested this morning, please find *attached* the letter to the ACCC requesting advice on the Code (both a clean and tracked-change version have been provided for visibility). We have consulted with the ACCC on the drafting of this letter and will send through a covering brief attaching both this letter and the letter to publishers through PDMS so this is formally recorded in the system later today.

Happy to discuss this further.

Kind regards,

s 22 — **Assistant Director (a/g), SYD**
Competition Policy Unit, Competition and Consumer Branch
Market Conduct and Digital Division

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Hi s 22 and Bel,

Please find attached a covering brief for the material we emailed earlier today on Meta's announcement and the News Media Bargaining Code. This will follow in PDMS.

I am aware the letters are being edited in the office.

Hope you have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

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s 22 — **Director**

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Subject: Letter to publishers [~~OFFICIAL: Sensitive~~]
Date: Friday, 1 March 2024 10:02:12 AM

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Hi s 22

Thanks again for your help so far with the news media bargaining code issue. We are planning on meeting publishers today, and we also think that the Assistant Treasurer should write to all publishers (whether or not they are registered under the code) letting them know of Meta's decision and that we have sought advice from the ACCC.

Do you mind quickly preparing a few letters we can send this morning?

We think the letter should say the following:

- Meta has informed me of its global decision to remove Facebook News in Australia and in the United States.
- As a result, Meta will no longer pay for news content in Australia.
- This follows Meta's removal of Facebook News in Canada, UK, France and Germany last year.
- Meta's actions will have a significant local impact. Around half of Australians rely on social media platforms for their news, and Australian publishers deserve fair compensation for the content they produce.
- As a result of Meta's decision, I sought advice from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on my designation powers under the News Media Bargaining Code.
- I ask that you cooperate with the ACCC and provide it with any relevant information that would inform its advice to me. I have copied in the Minister for Communications, and the Chair of the ACCC

Can you also work with communications to get a list of publishers we should write to? We think it should include all major publishers, and industry groups for smaller publishers (e.g. Country Press Australia, Digital Publishers Alliance).

Secondly, while we have verbally sought advice from the ACCC on this matter, we think the Assistant Treasurer should formally write to Gina – can you quickly pull together a letter this morning?

Thanks again

s 22 — **Adviser (he/him)**
The Hon Stephen Jones MP
Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Financial Services
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Do you mean their changes to the ACCC letter? – I think they only had very minor changes to this publishers letter, and this one doesn't need any further changes.

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To: s 22
Cc: [NMBC \(News Media Bargaining Code\)](#); [McDonald, Tony](#); s 22
Subject: Email address for NMBC [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 4 March 2024 12:41:16 PM
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Hi s 22

We've created the following email address for contact on the news media bargaining code:
NMBC@treasury.gov.au

It is ok for you to reference it now – but we wont be able to access emails sent to it for at least an hour or two.

Kind regards,
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To: s 22
Subject: RE: NMBC letters [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 5 March 2024 4:17:29 PM
Attachments: [Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Communications - Joint letter to Paramount.pdf](#)

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ASSISTANT TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES

THE HON MICHELLE ROWLAND MP
MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Ref: MS24-000430

Monday, 4 March 2024

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Guardian Australia
Level 2, 607 Bourke Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

via: s 47F @guardianaustralia.com

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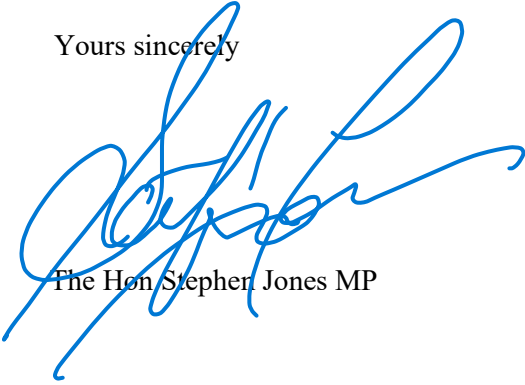
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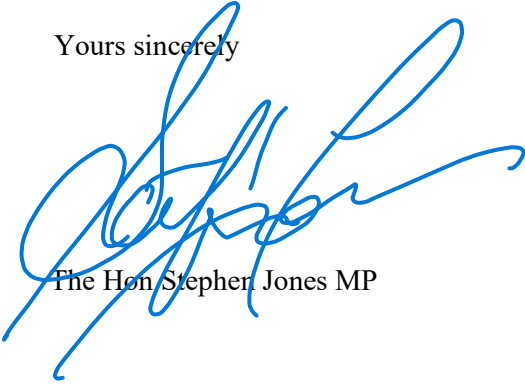
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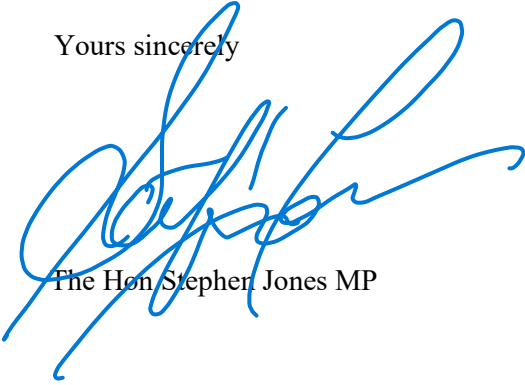
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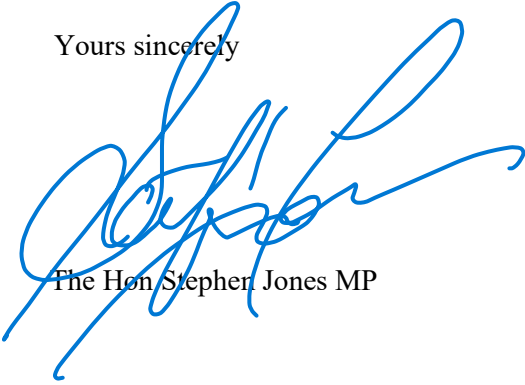
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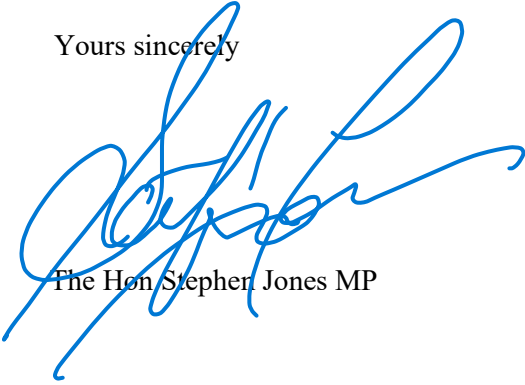
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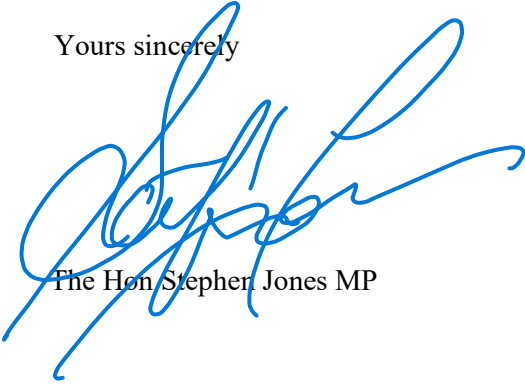
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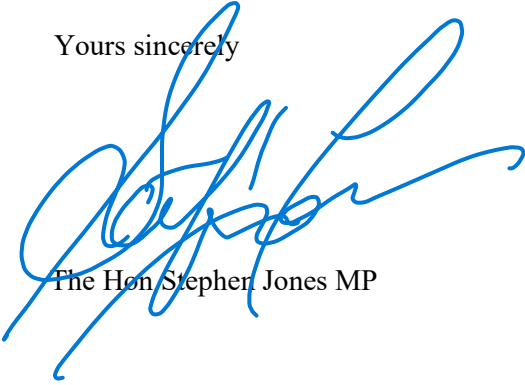
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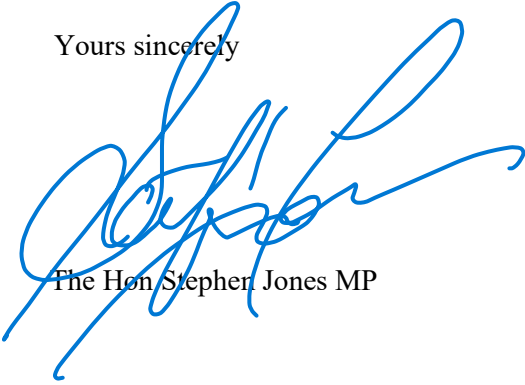
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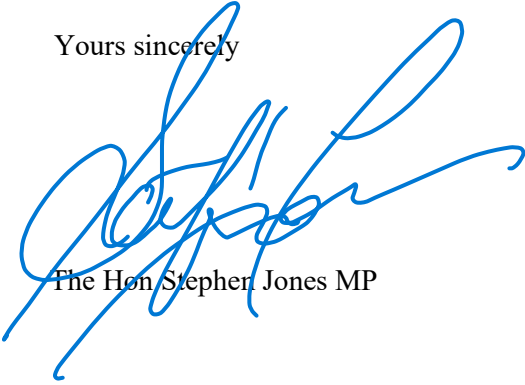
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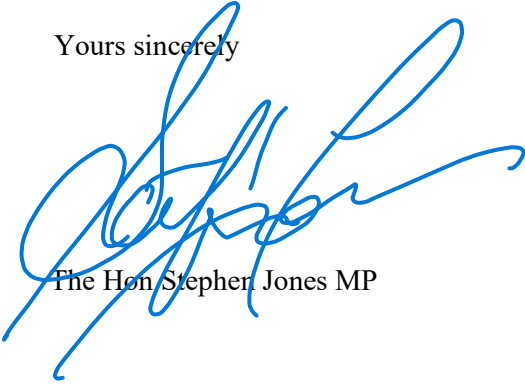
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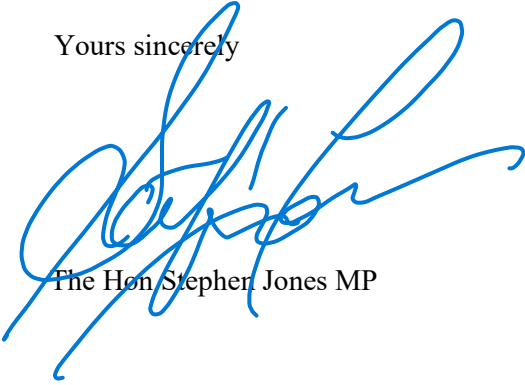
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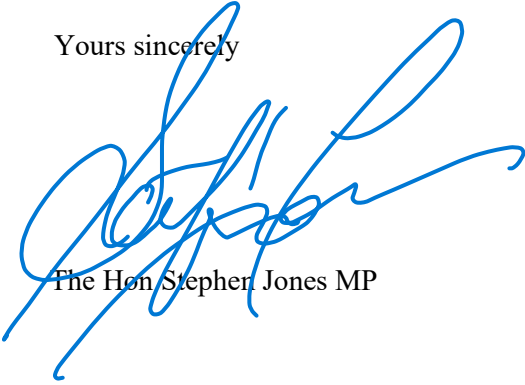
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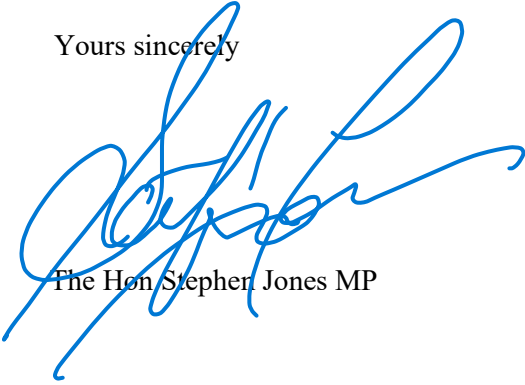
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Gina Cass-Gottlieb
Chair
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
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Dear Ms Cass-Gottlieb

Thank you for meeting with me on Friday 1 March 2023 where we discussed the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) capacity to provide advice to me in relation to the News Media and Digital Platforms Mandatory Bargaining Code (the Code). Following our discussion, I am writing to confirm that I am seeking urgent advice from you on this matter.

As you are aware, Meta Platforms Inc (Meta) has announced its global decision to remove Facebook News (its dedicated news tab) in Australia and in the United States of America in early April. This replicates Meta's decision in September last year in the United Kingdom, France, and Germany. Meta has also indicated it will not enter into new commercial deals for traditional news content in these countries. I note the decision does not at this stage remove the ability to access news on Facebook or Meta's other platforms.

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The Code specifies that I may consider any reports or advice of the Commission in making a designation determination. In the circumstances of Meta's announcement, I am proposing to consider the potential application of the Code in relation to Meta and its relevant services, Facebook and Instagram. Given the ACCC's subject matter expertise, I request the Commission's advice to assist with my consideration of the first of the designation criteria. Specifically, I request that the ACCC provide advice on:

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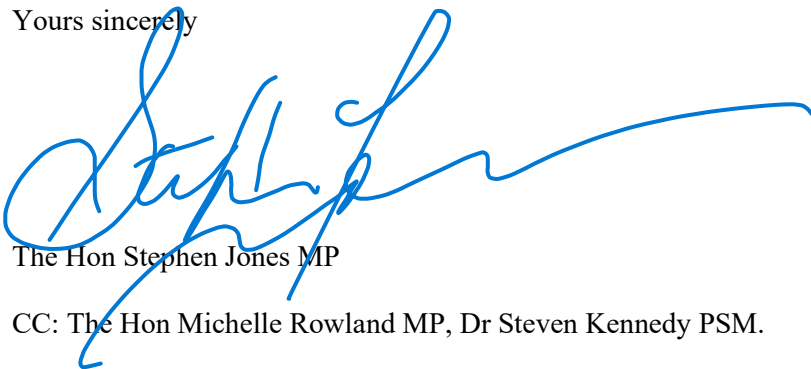
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To: s 22
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Subject: NMBC material [REDACTED] ~~OFFICIAL: Sensitive~~
Date: Tuesday, 5 March 2024 2:18:33 PM
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Hi s 22

Just wanted to follow up on a couple of things on Meta/NMBC.

I understand the letter to the ACCC, and maybe the ones to news media businesses, have been signed off/sent. Would it be possible to send down the final letters and confirm the status of these?

Also as mentioned to s 22 last week – it would be good to confirm if the fact sheet was released on Friday, and also whether there are any of the talking points the AT is using that you could send down to us? We are getting a few requests for talking points from posts/DFAT – we’ve largely been referring to the media release and fact sheet to date.

We are also giving thought to next steps – so happy to meet later in the week as s 22 flagged.

Kind regards,

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s 22 — Director

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Thanks s 22
That looks fine.
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Subject: DPSI and NMBC - status update [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, 8 March 2024 2:24:06 PM

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Hi Bel,

As requested, below is the status update on DPSI and the News Media Bargaining Code. Please let us know if you require anything further.

Thank you,

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News Media Bargaining Code/Meta announcement

- On 4 March the Assistant Treasurer wrote to the ACCC to seek advice following Meta’s announcement. The Assistant Treasurer and Communications Minister also wrote to news media businesses about the announcement asking for their cooperation with any requests from the ACCC or Treasury.
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