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Sector:	Education	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	School Utilities	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
End Date:												
Duration:												
Source of idea for study:	Internal											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	The uncontrolled increasing prices of school utilities at the beginning of every school year.											
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Sector:	Groceries (Food And Drink)	Range of Possible Outcomes										
Market:	Wheat Flour	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Rising prices of goods derived from wheat flour.											
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Sector:	Insurance											
Market:	Insurance Services	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:		Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?	To look into competition conditions.											
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Sector:	Transport											
Market:	Freight shipping transportation services	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:		Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?	To look into high rates of freight transportation services which are causing high import costs.											
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Sector:	Groceries (Food And Drink)											
Market:	Basics Grains	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	September 2009	Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	6 months											
Source of idea for study:	Internal											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):												
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	To look into competition conditions in respect of producers and industrial processors.											
Link to report:												

Sector:	Groceries (Food And Drink)											
Market:	Concentrated Food for Animal Consumption	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	June 2009	Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	7 months											
Source of idea for study:	Internal											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):												
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Sector highly concentrated with a oligopoly market structure and a pronounced vertical integration (30 producers, but 2 of them represented 85% of the total market supply). Legal restrictions such as agreement between processor and government and CAFTA limiting the benefits for competitors.											
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Sector:	Transport												
Market:	Freight and Passengers Transportation Services	Range of Possible Outcomes											
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Duration:	7 months												
Source of idea for study:	Internal												
Outcome (tick relevant columns):													
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Only a few enterprises serving the most important routes of the country - possibly causing market distortion on the suppliers side and damage to the users.												
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Sector:	Transport												
Market:	Air Transportation of Passenger Service	Range of Possible Outcomes											
End Date:	May 2009	Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	8 months												
Source of idea for study:	Internal												
Outcome (tick relevant columns):													
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	A notorious price difference arising in international routes that have traditionally been the same price.												
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Sector:	Chemicals												
Market:	Fertilizer and Agro Chemical Products	Range of Possible Outcomes											
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Duration:	5 months												
Source of idea for study:	Reaction to a public call from the farmers' organization.												
Outcome (tick relevant columns):			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	To look into the high prices that were having negative consequences on the production of common goods consumed by the majority of people.												
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Sector:	Energy												
Market:	Electrical Energy	Range of Possible Outcomes											
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Source of idea for study:	Internal												
Outcome (tick relevant columns):			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Only one government firm providing energy distribution, commercialization services and buying energy to the private generators, so was launched to gather enough background to formulate political recommendations to promote competition conditions in this sector.												
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Sector:	Health											
Market:	Private specialist goods and services in Health Sector	Range of Possible Outcomes										
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Source of idea for study:	Internal											
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Reason for study (what were the problems)?	To look into allegations/perception of corruption in relation to the supply of goods and services to the government.											
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Sector:	Construction											
Market:	Iron Bars	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	August 2008	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	7 months											
Source of idea for study:	Internal											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Importance of sector to the construction industry, a major sector of the economy, and lack of local production.											
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Sector:	Construction											
Market:	Cement	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	July 2008	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	8 months											
Source of idea for study:	Internal											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):												
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	A trend of high prices, a duopoly structure market and possible collusion											
Link to report:												

Sector:	Groceries (food and drink)											
Market:	Sugar	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	April 2008	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	8 months											
Source of idea for study:	Internal											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):												
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Some market irregularities which could cause restrictions to competition, such as: monopoly structure at product distribution level, United States quota is a kind of barrier for profit competition at international market, strong limitations for selling sugar at the regional market, moderated concentration at production level and a high concentration at the distributions level.											
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Sector:	Financial services											
Market:	Payment Cards	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	March 2008	Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	7 months											
Source of idea for study:	Media publications											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):												
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	To look at the negative consumer effects caused by high interest rates, in addition to a similar level of interest rates among banks and among payment card brands.											
Link to report:												

Sector:	Groceries (food and drink)											
Market:	Processed Milk	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	October 2007	Competition Enforcement Consumer Enforcement Consumer Education Business Education Voluntary Business Compliance Voluntary Business Action Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy Referral to Third Parties No Problems Found	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Duration:	10 months											
Source of idea for study:	Media and consumer dissatisfaction											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):												
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	To look into possible market restrictions.											
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Sector:	Fuel											
Market:	Fuels from Petroleum	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	May 2007	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	5 months											
Source of idea for study:	Internal											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):												
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	Importance of fuels from petroleum to the economy. To gather empirical evidence of competition.											
Link to report:												

Sector:	Pharmaceuticals											
Market:	Pharmacy Products	Range of Possible Outcomes										
End Date:	February 2007	Competition Enforcement	Consumer Enforcement	Consumer Education	Business Education	Voluntary Business Compliance	Voluntary Business Action	Recommendations to Government for Changes in the Law	Recommendations to Government to Change Market Structure	Recommendations for Changes to Government Policy	Referral to Third Parties	No Problems Found
Duration:	3 months											
Source of idea for study:	Internal											
Outcome (tick relevant columns):												
Reason for study (what were the problems)?	To look into consumer detriment arising from the removal of permanent discounts of medicines by retail distributors.											
Link to report:												