

Part 1: SEMO Query Management under the Trading & Settlement Code

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Topic 1: Introduction to formal Query Management

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- **Formal Queries** are queries that are defined under the **Trading & Settlement Code**.
- The Code framework sets obligations around these such as timelines for resolution and a Participant's right to formally dispute the findings.
- Submission of formal Queries must follow steps set out in the relevant Agreed Procedure documents.
- These are different from general queries or data requests submitted to the market helpdesk which are subject to service level agreements.
- Under the old arrangements in Part A of the Code, participants could **submit Data Queries, Settlement Queries** and **Credit Cover Queries**.
- Under the new arrangements in Part B of the Code, only **Settlement Queries** remain.

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- Data Queries under Part A are specifically related to the data inputs that feed the **Market Scheduling & Pricing** software and set the ex-post **System Marginal Price** under Part A.
- Due to the fundamental changes in the design of the SEM, Data Queries are no longer relevant as recalculation of prices cannot be triggered through a query. The calculation of the Imbalance Price and Imbalance Settlement Price can be challenged through a **Pricing Dispute**.
- Credit Cover Queries under Part A relate to the calculation of **Credit Cover Requirements** for Participants with **Interconnector Units**.
- This was to facilitate a fast resolution in the event that an error in the calculation caused a Participant's offers to be curtailed.
- The removal of Interconnector Units from the SEM design has meant that this facility is no longer required.