

Knowledge of Regional Competition Law and Policy in the Business Sector of Saint Lucia

**CARICOM Competition Commission &
Department of Consumer Affairs of Saint Lucia**

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Background

During the period September to October 2013, the CARICOM Competition Commission (CCC), collaboration with the Department of Consumer Affairs in St. Lucia, to conduct a survey of businesses in the country. The survey sought to assess the knowledge of regional competition law and policy within the business sector in St. Lucia.

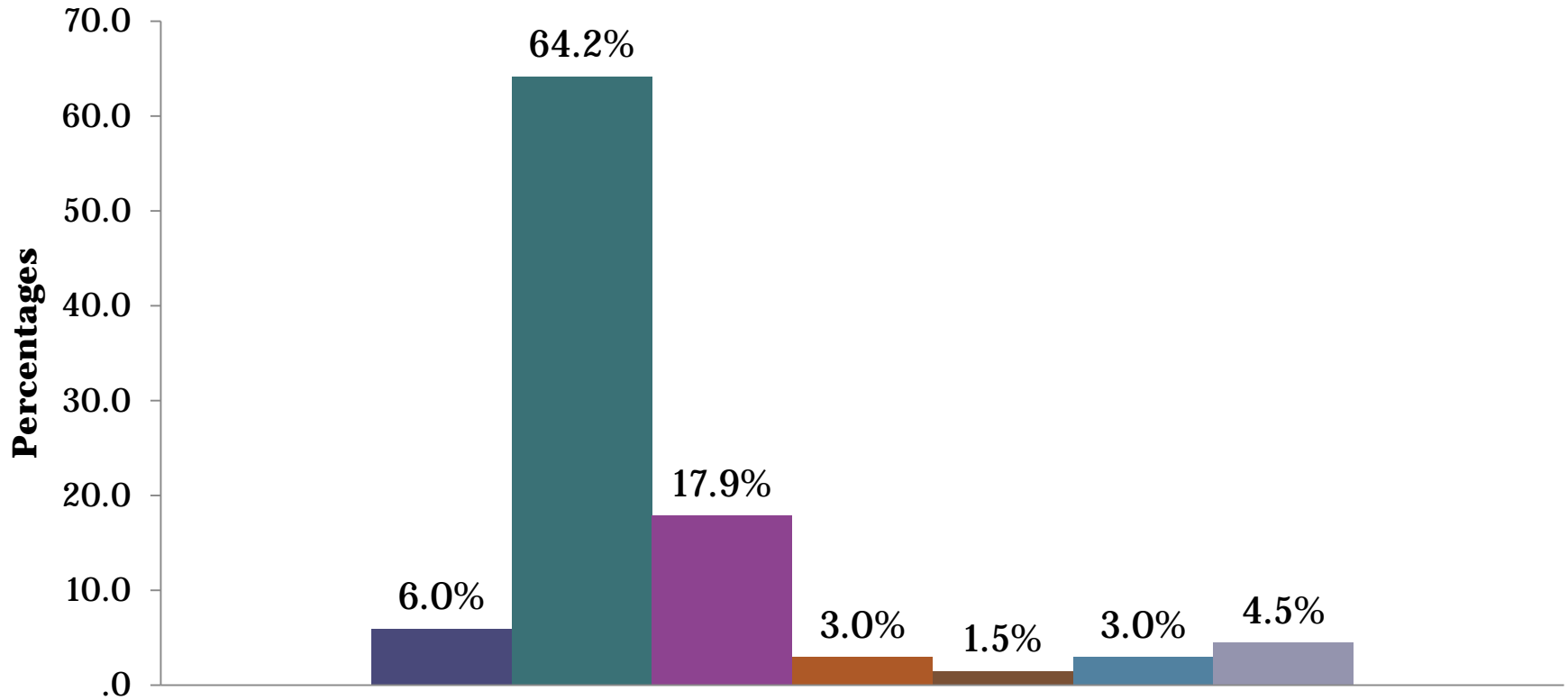
Aim of the Project:

- Identify knowledge deficits of the business sector on regional competition law and policy
- Determine what aspects of competition law and policy the business sector would be interested in learning so a workshop (or any capacity-building exercise) could be tailored to fit its specific needs.

Objective of this Presentation:

- Present the preliminary results of the survey

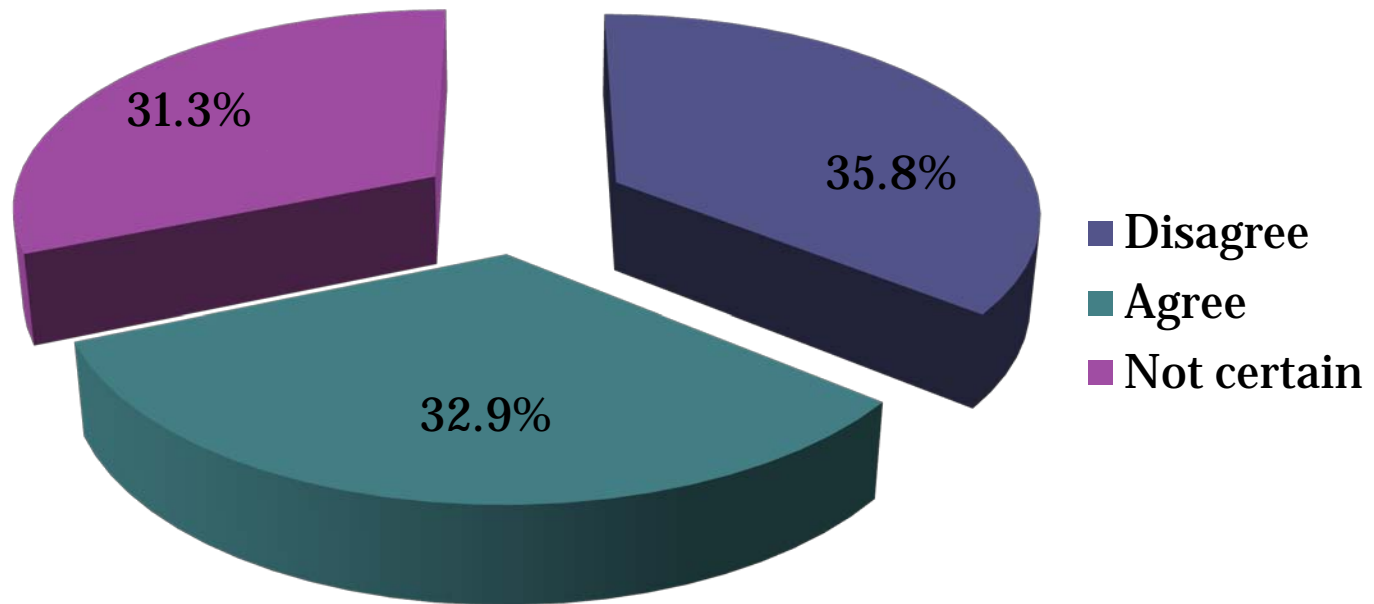
Responses by Sector



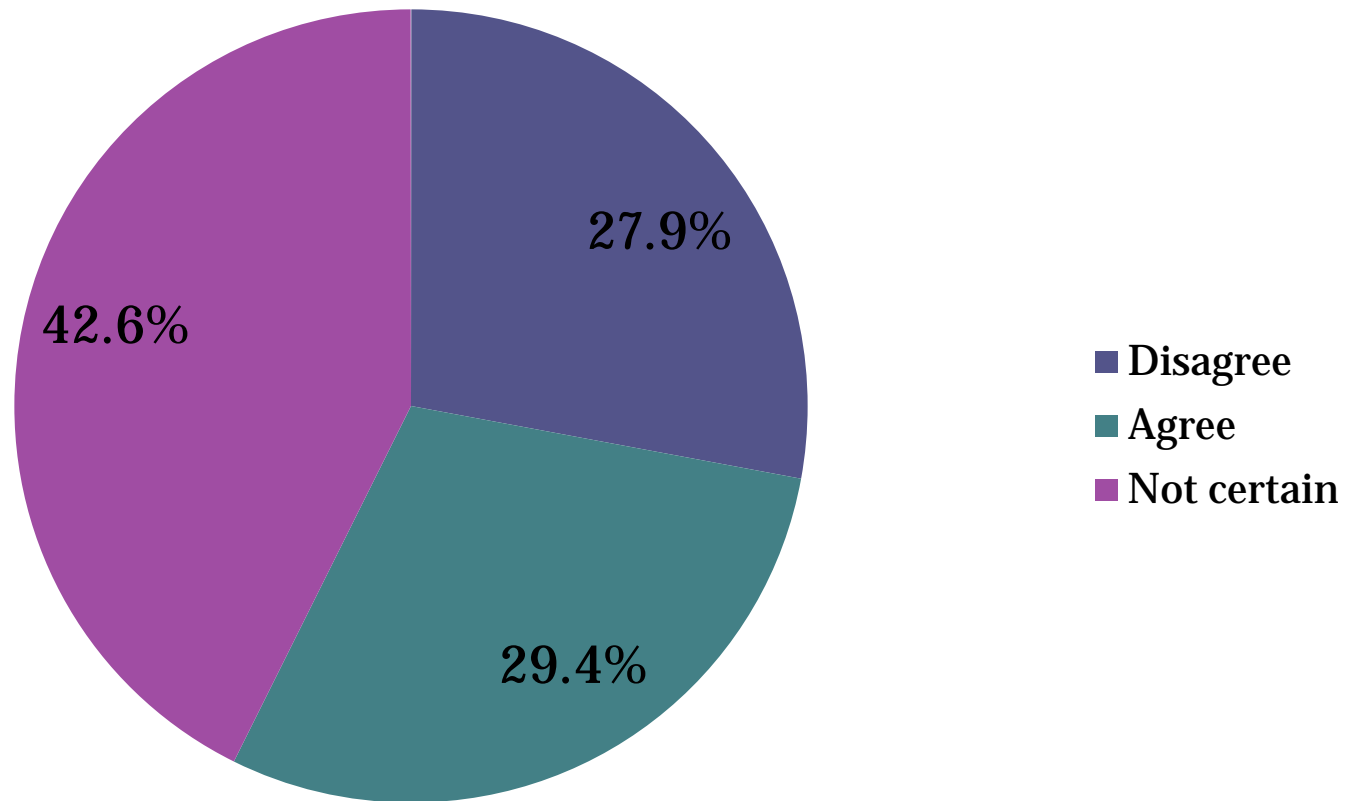
Sectors

- Manufacturing
- Wholesale & Retail Trade
- Financial Services
- Accounting & Other professional services
- Agriculture, Food & Fisheries
- Hotels, Restaurants & Fast Foods
- Transport, Communications & Utilities

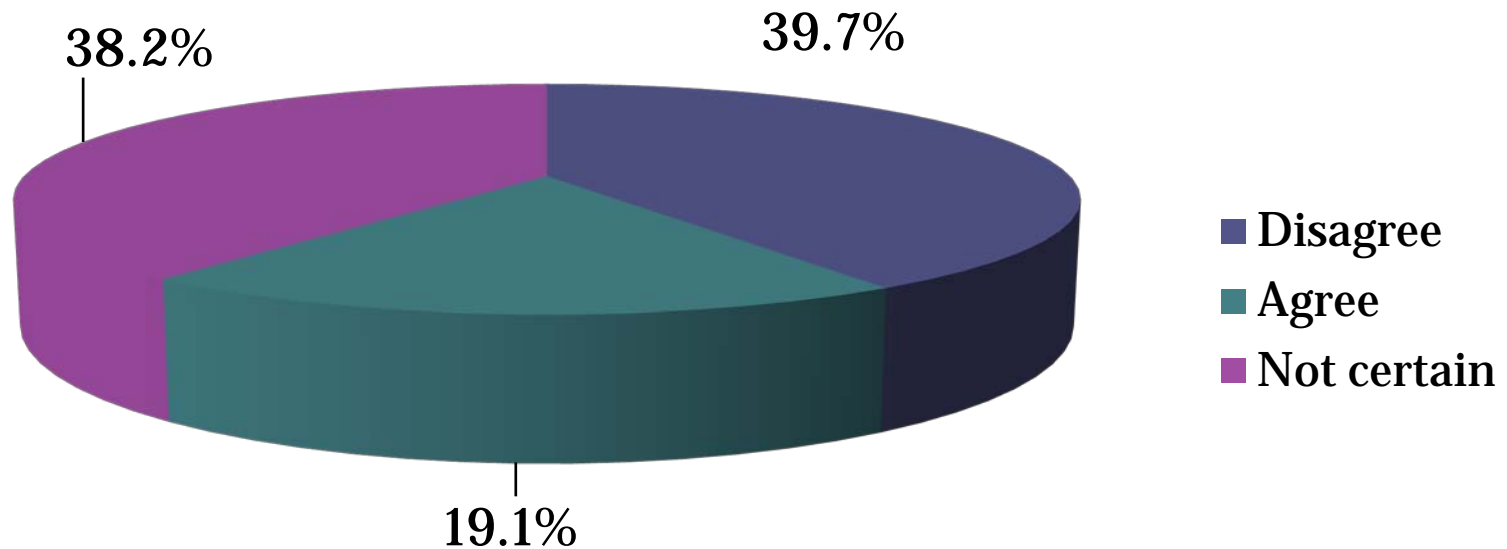
Basic Understanding of Competition Law and Policy is known to my company



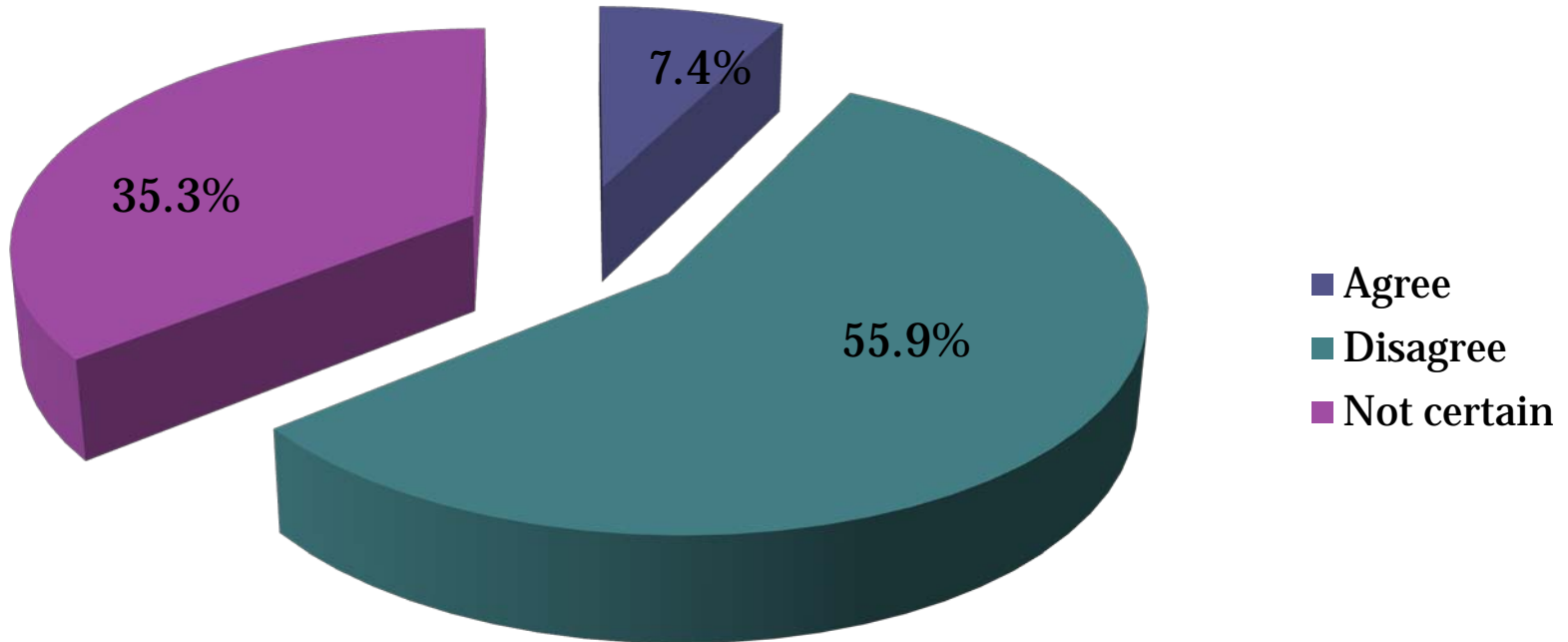
My company is fully aware of the various types of anti-competitive practices that exist



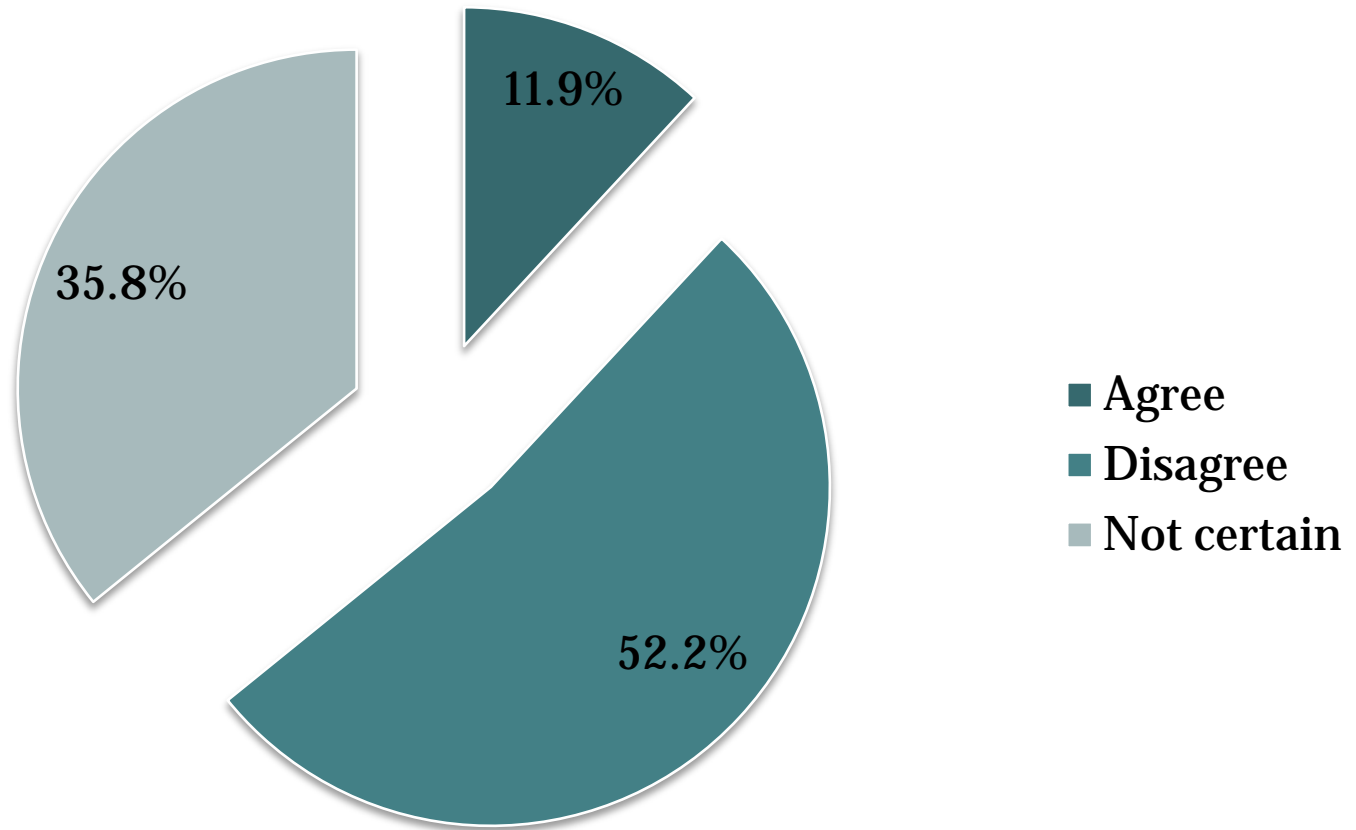
The agency that is, or will be responsible for monitoring competition law and policy in St. Lucia is known



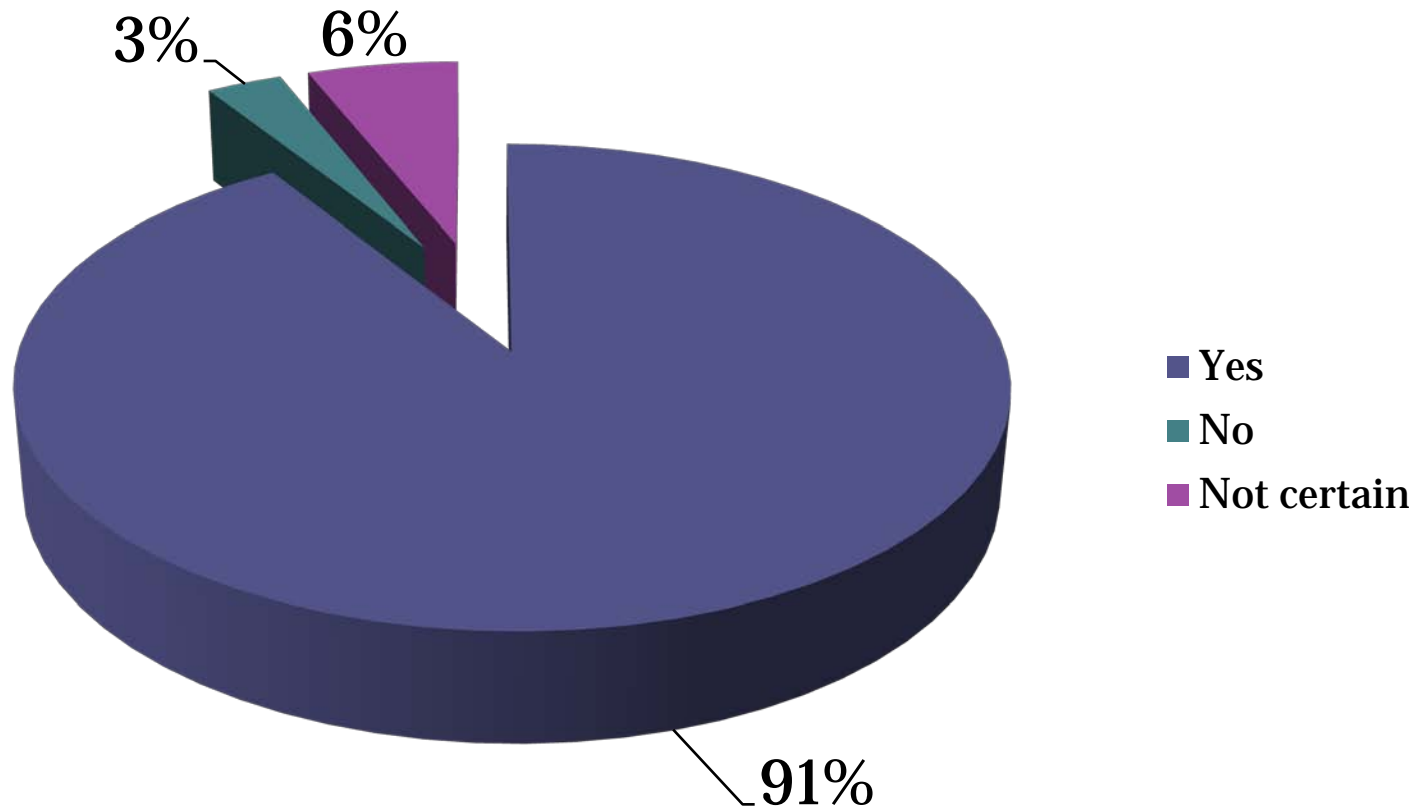
The legal framework for regional competition law and policy in the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas is known to my company



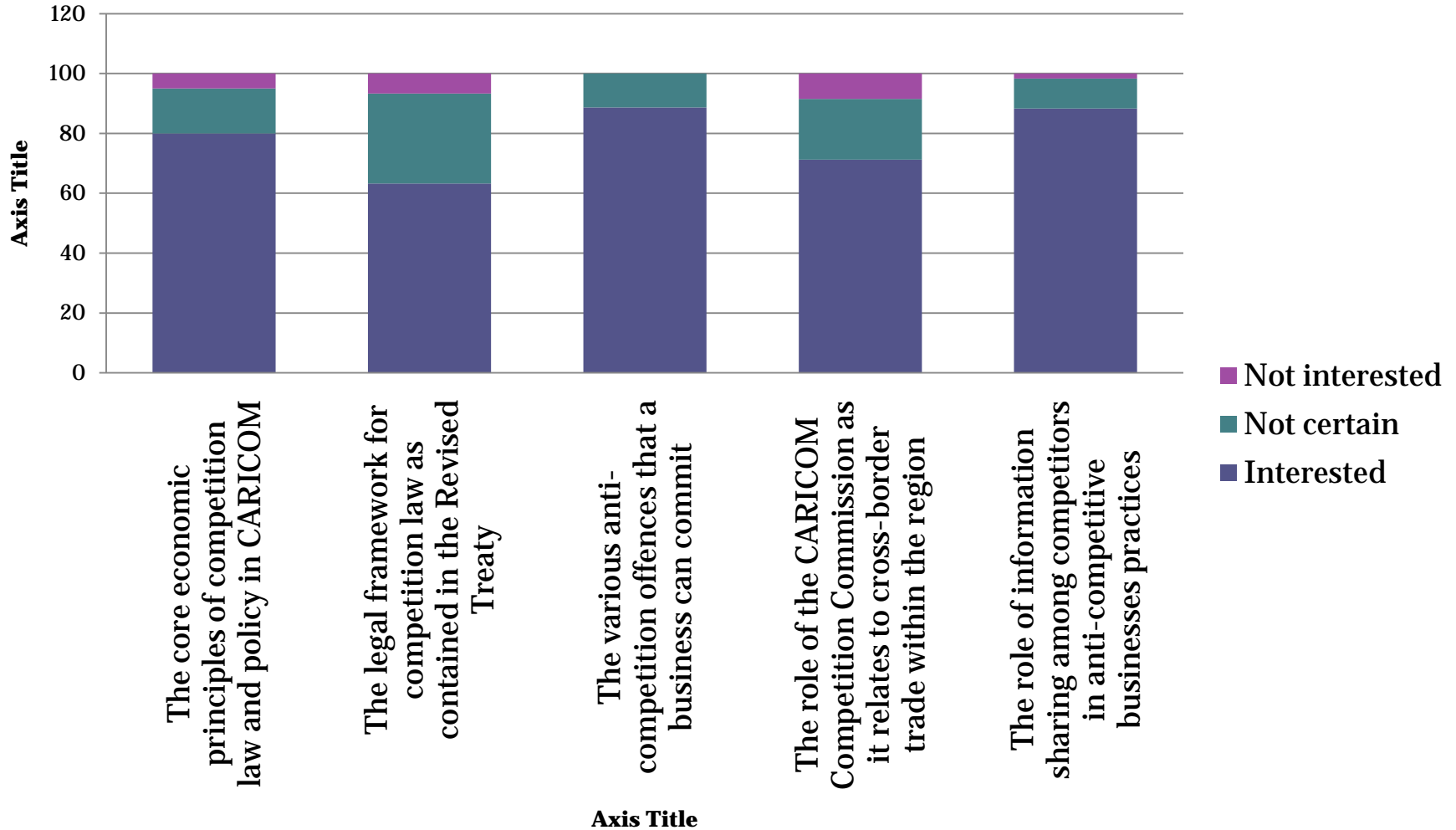
The existence of the CCC and its functions are known to my company



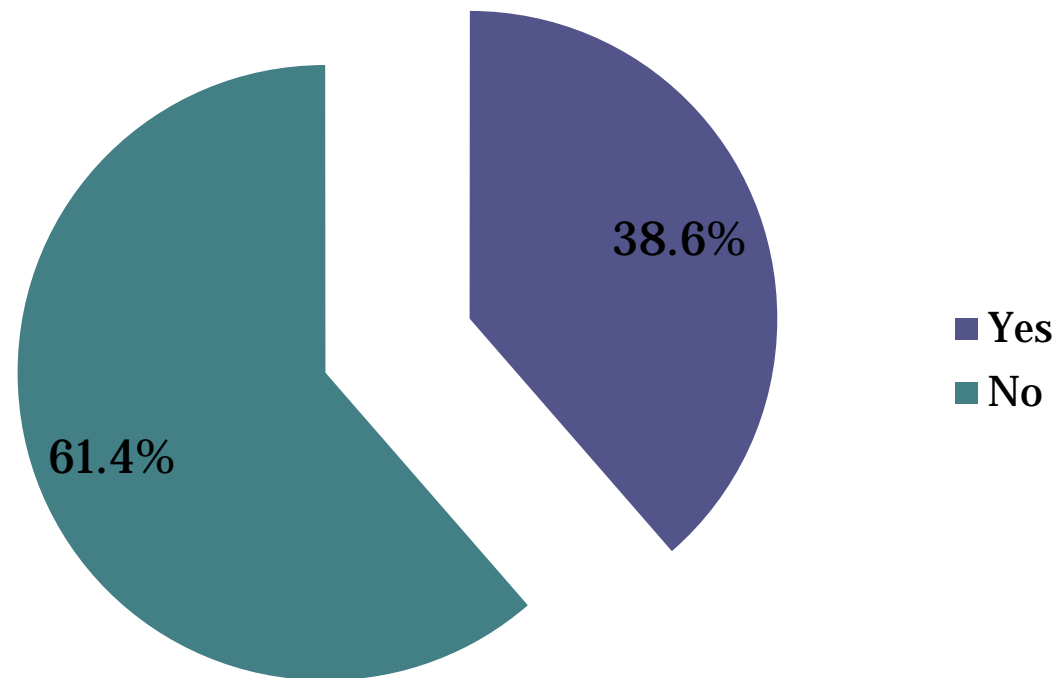
Would learning about competition law and policy be important to your company?



Aspects of competition law and policy that businesses are interested in learning



Are companies in St. Lucia experiencing anticompetitive business conduct that is causing harm?



Out of the 22 complaints made by businesses only 4 could be considered as competition law issues.

Way Forward

- There is a need for capacity building of the business sector in St. Lucia on regional competition law and policy. The CCC stands ready to lend any assistance that it can in this regard.
- There is need for the CCC to continue to promote its existence and its functions in St. Lucia as it relates to its mandate under Chapter VIII of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas.
- The CCC expects that a similar exercise can be conducted in other OECS Member States so that capacity building exercises can be planned effectively for those countries.



THANK YOU!!!