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Question:

Senator FARRELL: I want to ask some questions about the recent ballot for the enterprise agreement. Our electorate staff were involved in a ballot from 21 to 25 November. It was through an online system. Does the department have any record of the complaints received during the ballot process?

Ms McGregor: I might take that one on notice. I am just not sure if we would have received the complaints or if the organisation conducting the ballot had a process to receive those complaints. I do not want to get the detail wrong.

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Ms McGregor: My recollection is that there may have been a very small number of complaints. I am just not sure whether they came straight to the department or whether they went to the company that was conducting the ballot.

Senator FARRELL: And if they went to the company, would you have expected the company to then pass on those complaints to you?

Ms McGregor: Yes. We would have heard about them.

Senator FARRELL: Can you find out whether or not they did do that?

Ms McGregor: Yes.

Answer:

The Fair Work Commission held a hearing on 23 and 24 March 2017 to consider the approval of the Enterprise Agreement. As this matter is yet to be ruled on, it is not appropriate to respond to this question at this time.