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Senator: Farrell

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Question:

Senator FARRELL: Who in the department had access to the results of the ballot and in particular the unique Chris code?

Ms McGregor: Within the department that Chris21 code is a code that the people managing the Chris21 system would have access to. Anyone who rings the department in relation to employee matters will sometimes ask for that code. They might have forgotten their Chris21 code. We hold that information as part of our normal operations. I do not believe that anyone who was involved with that ballot process at all—it is my understanding that the independent company did not have that access, but I might take that on notice as well to check for you.

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.