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Question

FWA - Allegations made against HSU National Executive

Senator ABETZ: In that response in March by Holding Redlich, allegations were made against, as I understand it, Ms Jackson, Mr Williamson and somebody else on the national executive. Is that correct? Ms Carruthers: I am sorry, Senator; again I might take that on notice.

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response:

The submissions of Mr Craig Thomson that were provided on 2 March 2012 in response to the Delegate's preliminary findings dated 12 December 2011 include allegations against Ms Jackson regarding non-attendance at National Executive meetings. The response does not make allegations against Mr Williamson or any other named member of the National Executive. While the response refers to threats that were made against Mr Thomson in 2004 by "one other official of the HSU", that official was not named in Mr Thomson's response of 2 March 2012.