Senate Select Committee on Job Security

Questions on Notice Public Hearing – 11 October 2021

Directed to Dr Langbridge B.V.Sc., General Manager, Industry and Corporate Affairs, Teys Australia.

Context of the Question on Notice

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CHAIR: Do you have any other company that you've used in the last 15 years?

Dr Langbridge: Yes, we have used one. I may need to take that on notice. I was listening to the previous witness, and he made a comment about a labour hire company. The payment was not Beenleigh; it was actually Biloela. It was a person called Scott Shi. We stopped using that company before 2010. I'm not too sure of the actual date. We can inform the committee regarding your interest in the actual date, but that's more than 11 years ago. We basically removed that person voluntarily, simply because we became aware some of these dealings weren't as honest as he was originally making out.

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CHAIR: When you say he wasn't honest in some of the practices he was carrying out, what were those practices?

Dr Langbridge: I'll need to take that on notice. I only got quick bit of advice when I heard the previous evidence. I think it was around some of the tax evasion stuff, but I couldn't absolutely swear to that. I'm happy to get back to you on notice to let you know exactly what the circumstances at the time were.

Response to the Question on Notice

Teys became aware that the Department of Immigration was investigating a labour hire company allegedly bringing Chinese people to Australia and giving them fake identities so they could work unlawfully at meatworks. That labour hire company was operated by Scott Shi. The Department of Immigration conducted a number of raids at various meatworks covering 3 Australian States in March of 2009. Those raids were supported by the meat companies involved.

Teys ceased using the services of Scott Shi in July of 2009.

Additional statement

Teys would also like it put on the record, that targeted investigations conducted by
significant customers have resulted in no non-conformances being detected with regard to
Teys' immigration practices, and all allegations referenced by the committee members
during questioning are false.

Dr John Langbridge B.V.Sc.