

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: WorkPac and Rossato

Senator: Tim Ayres
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Question:

CHAIR: You say in your corporate plan 'will advise and assist agencies on public service matters and promote the APS values' et cetera. There's a decision of the Full Court of the Federal Court in WorkPac and Rossato on the use of labour hire. You haven't provided advice or guidance to agencies on the impact of that important decision on their use of labour hire and contractors?

Mr Woolcott: I'm aware of that decision. I might need to take that on notice, as I don't have my legal counsel here today.

Answer:

The Australian Public Service Commission circulated advice identifying the key risks from the Rossato decision.

This will assist agencies in reviewing local arrangements, and point them towards seeking legal advice specific to their situation if necessary.