

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, CLIMATE CHANGE, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry

REFERENCE: Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: BI-93

In relation to the Government's recent amendments to the Fair Work Act applying to the TCF industry, how many formal briefings did the Industry Minister seek and/or receive (and from whom) on the impact of the legislation on the state of the TCF industry in Australia? Has the Minister ever received any form of advice or warnings that this legislation will prompt business closures and major job losses in the TCF sector – and, if so, how has he practically responded to those warnings?

ANSWER

The content of briefings is confidential and the Department is not able to comment on how the Minister responds to briefings.