

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000011

Senator Lines asked on 26 February 2015 on proof Hansard page 20

Question

Staff participation in previous Enterprise Agreement ballots

Senator LINES: Would you normally have 84 per cent of staff participating in a ballot?

Ms Leon: The department only came into existence on 18 September 2013, so I do not have any prior voting history to draw your attention to.

Senator LINES: What about in your experience as a public servant?

Ms Leon: I would not like to just go from memory of other departments that are not here today, Senator.

Senator LINES: What about DEEWR, when that was in existence?

Ms Leon: The last enterprise agreement would have been in the former DEEWR, but we do not have the figures for that enterprise ballot with us.

Senator LINES: But you can get that?

Ms Leon: I expect so.

Senator LINES: If you could get that—

Ms Leon: We can take that on notice.

Answer

In the last DEEWR enterprise agreement ballot 69 per cent of eligible employees voted.