

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015

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Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000079

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Question

Protected industrial action

CHAIR: My understanding is that only one to two per cent of departmental employees covered by the enterprise bargaining took part in the actions? Is that correct? You might need to take that on notice.

Ms Leon: I may need to take that on notice.

CHAIR: Thank you so much.

Answer

Prior to the Senate Estimates hearing on 10 April 2015 the Department was the subject of protected industrial action in the form of partial work bans on 1 April 2015 and 9 April 2015. A total of 23 employees participated in those bans representing 4.8 per cent of employees in the business areas that were subject to the work bans, and 1.3 per cent of all employees covered by the enterprise agreement.