

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

#### **Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000003**

**Senator Lines provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

##### **Allegations of underpayment at 7-Eleven**

Has the Department liaised with other Departments and agencies regarding this scandal – for instance, has there been communication with the Fair Work Ombudsman, with the Department of Immigration and Border Protection or the Department of Treasury?

Has the Australian Taxation Office been notified given those franchisees have not met their responsibilities to pay Superannuation Guarantee Contributions?

Have State workcover authorities been notified, given these levies are based on payroll?

Has the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet requested any information relating to the scandal?

#### **Answer**

The Fair Work Ombudsman is responsible for enforcement of compliance with the Fair Work Act, including through education, inquiry and compliance activities.

The Department of Employment engages the Fair Work Ombudsman and other Commonwealth agencies on a broad range of issues that arise within the portfolios, including in relation to application of the *Fair Work Act 2009*. Agencies are also engaged through the Ministerial Working Group on issues relating to protecting vulnerable visa holders and Taskforce Cadena.