

## **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. EMSQ16-000088**

**Senator Reynolds asked on 11 February 2016 on proof Hansard page 109**

#### **Question**

##### **Australian Textile Mills - assets and employees**

Senator REYNOLDS: Did Australian Textile Mills own any assets prior to the assets it received from Bruck Textiles?

Ms Mitchell: That will be a part of the public examination of their assets.

Senator REYNOLDS: Were you about to say, 'Yes they did'?

Mr Carr: We could take it on notice. Their balance sheet is available to us.

Senator REYNOLDS: If you could, please take it on notice because that should not be a confidential part of the inquiry. Did Australian Textile Mills Pty Ltd have any employees prior to purchasing the assets of Bruck?

Mr Carr: We could take it on notice.

Senator REYNOLDS: Could you also take on notice the question: on what date did the transfer of assets occur?

Mr Carr: Yes.

#### **Answer**

*Did Australian Textile Mills (ATM) own any assets prior to the assets it received from Bruck?*

It is the Department's understanding that Australian Textile Mills (ATM) did not own any substantial assets before its purchase of Bruck's business and assets, however this will be confirmed through the public examinations.

*What date did the transfer of assets between Bruck and ATM occur?*

Bruck sold its business and assets to ATM on 10 July 2014, the day prior to Bruck entering liquidation on 11 July 2014.

*Did ATM have any employees prior to receiving assets from Bruck?*

It is the Department's understanding that ATM did not have any, or any significant number, of employees prior to its' purchase of Bruck's business and assets.