

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. EMSQ16-000261

Senator McKenzie provided in writing.

Question

Fair Entitlements Guarantee - Bruck Entitlements - Director Philip Bart

Has Philip Bart, as a director of the relevant companies, given evidence to the public examination?

- a. Is there a reason why he hasn't given evidence?
- b. Is he likely to give evidence?

Answer

Philip Bart has not yet given evidence in these proceedings. Initially, following the first day in October 2015, the examinations were set down for five days in February 2016 when it was anticipated that Mr Bart would be examined.

Following Mr Bart being provided with the February dates, his solicitors asserted that Mr Bart had pre-arranged overseas travel and could not attend on those dates. Mr Bart swore an affidavit on 18 December 2015 outlining that he was travelling overseas in February to attend the Rugby League World Cup Challenge in the United Kingdom (in connection with Mr Bart's role as a director of International Sports Clothing Pty Ltd), to have a ski vacation, to meet his wife in New York and to celebrate his daughter's expected engagement announcement in New York.

At the time, the liquidators secured dates shortly following Mr Bart's return to Australia in March and permitted an extension in time. There were then issues with the availability of the Federal Court to in March and it is now anticipated that Mr Bart will be examined on 5 and/or 12 April 2016.