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Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000117

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Question

Department of Employment - Code-of-Conduct investigations

Senator CAMERON: This is where there were allegations of Senator Abetz's advisers trying to change the numbers in the department on employment. Have there been any other investigations of a similar type?

Ms Leon: I think at last estimates I indicated something to the effect that there had been some what we would call 'routine' departmental investigations into code-of-conduct matters, but there have not been any investigations of potentially unauthorised disclosures of information.

Senator CAMERON: At what level have these code-of-conduct matters been investigated—at what APS levels? Is it senior executive service or—

Ms Rundle: No. I can tell you that it was not SES. From memory, one of them was an EL1, but I would need to take that on notice. That is not, though, the one that we spoke about last time—the alleged leak.

Answer

Between 26 February 2015 and 31 May 2015 there has been one Code of Conduct matter investigated by the Department. This involved an employee at the APS 4 classification level. This matter was not related to the unauthorised disclosure of information.