

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Safe Work Australia

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000254

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

SWA - Code of Conduct

1. How are code of conduct violations by departmental and/or agency staff mediated?
2. Are any outside firms contracted to assist with this process? If yes: please list them, please include:
 1. The structure of payments made to each firm (e.g. retainers, fees for each consultation etc).
 2. Amount paid to each firm since the last budget.
 3. When the contract with the firm commenced.
 4. When the contract with the firm will expire.
 5. Why the firm was selected to provide the service.
 6. Please provide a list of disputes referred to the firm, including a brief description of the dispute.

Answer

1. Breaches of the Code of Conduct are managed consistent with section 15 of the *Public Service Act 1999*.
2. No.