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Question

WHS training at Work for the Dole site

Senator CAMERON: Do you know whether any risk assessment that was done on this site included occupational health and safety training?

Ms Leon: That will all be provided to us in the report by Ernst & Young.

Senator CAMERON: So there is no-one in the department who has actually looked at this? Ms Leon: We are not going to get out ahead of the investigation and start putting partial thoughts or information in front of the committee. We have properly contracted an independent party to review the risk assessments—

Senator CAMERON: I do not have to remind you of your responsibilities to the Senate, do I? Ms Leon: and I am waiting for their reply.

Senator Cash: No, Senator Cameron-

Senator CAMERON: I do not have to remind you of your responsibilities.

Senator Cash: Chair, I think the secretary is completely aware of her responsibilities. Senator CAMERON: Do not sit there and tell us that because you have conducted some inquiry you will not respond to proper questioning from the Senate. Is that what you are telling me?

Ms Leon: No, Senator. I am saying I do not have the information until the review is conducted.

Senator CAMERON: Do any of your officers have that information? Ms Leon: We will take that on notice.

Answer

The risk assessment that was done on this site included occupational health and safety training.