

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004134

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Question

FWO - Tandara Spirit - Number of hearings

Senator CAMERON: How many hearings were there into this prosecution?

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Senator CAMERON: Ms Webster, how many hearings were there, and at what stage was the prosecution before the decision was made to discontinue it?

Ms Webster: I would have to take on notice how many directions hearings and the like there were before this matter was ultimately discontinued. What I can indicate to you is that this matter was filed prior to a particular matter called Esso being handed down. What the matter involved was allegations—

Senator CAMERON: Before you go off on a little exercise in what you want to tell me, I would like you to tell me what I want to hear.

CHAIR: That is the classic quote of the day.

Senator CAMERON: The hearings—were there more than one?

Ms Webster: I would have to take it on notice.

Senator CAMERON: Who had carriage of this?

Ms Webster: In terms of day-to-day carriage, one of my officers had day-to-day carriage in respect of this particular matter. The information that you are seeking can be easily provided on notice, but, ordinarily, there will be a range of hearings or days before the court, and they can actually vary quite a lot. For example—

CHAIR: Thank you, Ms Webster. You have taken that on notice.

Answer

See response to SQ17-004133.