

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

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Question

FWO - Coastal shipping complaints and recoveries

Senator CAMERON: What support are you providing to the MUA?

Mr Campbell: We are not providing support so much. If they find issues they want to share with us we will receive those complaints, and if they want to meet with us we will meet with them to talk about it.

Senator CAMERON: Are you saying that unless the MUA make complaints or individuals make complaints, there is no oversight of this area of coastal shipping? Is that correct?

Mr Campbell: No, that is not what I said.

Senator CAMERON: What oversight is there?

Mr Campbell: We have an active role, as do other regulators, in receiving and responding to issues in the shipping sector. We have had other complaints and we have had other recoveries—I could give you some information on notice about that.

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman regulates the shipping sector along with the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, the Department of Immigration and Border Protection and the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development.