

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004342

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Question

FWO - Turmoil - Operating in Australia

Senator CAMERON: The Turmoil! Very good! Is the Turmoil still operating in Australian waters?

Mr Campbell: I would need to check that. I do not know.

Senator CAMERON: Why wouldn't you know if there was a ship operating in Australian waters paying \$1.25 an hour? Why wouldn't you have made any inquiries as to whether it was—

Mr Campbell: It is just me personally, Senator. Our staff might—as I said, I will take it on notice.

Senator CAMERON: When I talk about 'you', I am not talking about you personally; I am talking about the Fair Work Ombudsman.

Mr Campbell: I said I will take it on notice for you, Senator. I cannot answer that question in any other way for you.

Answer

The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development is responsible for the granting of temporary licenses to perform coastal trading in Australian waters under the *Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012*. It advised the Fair Work Ombudsman on 6 July 2017 that it does not have any records of the Turmoil performing coastal trading in Australian waters since June 2015.