

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

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Question

Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Improving the Comcare Scheme) Bill 2015 - consultation labour law firms

Senator O'NEILL: Have labour law firms been consulted?

Ms Parker: Yes, we did consult with—

Senator O'NEILL: Which ones?

Ms Parker: I will need to take that on notice. We have provided it before, but as I mentioned before we do not have it on us.

Answer

Between April 2013 and March 2015, the Department of Employment (or Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations before 18 September 2013) conducted extensive consultations to inform the development of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Improving the Comcare Scheme) Bill 2015 (the Bill).

Consultation was conducted with Australian and ACT Government agencies, Comcare scheme licensees, legal organisations and practitioners, medical bodies, individual health practitioners, industry bodies and unions.

The following law firms and organisations were involved in this process:

- Angela Sdrinis Legal
- Australian Government Solicitor
- Blackburn Chambers
- Blumers Personal Injury Lawyers
- Carol and O'Dea Lawyers
- Clarke Legal
- HBA Legal
- Law Council of Australia
- Law Society of NSW
- Lawyers Alliance
- Maurice Blackburn Lawyers
- Moray and Agnew Lawyers
- Nowicki Carbone Personal Injury Lawyers
- Russell Kennedy Law
- Slater and Gordon Lawyers
- Sparke Helmore Lawyers
- Turner Freeman Lawyers