Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Safe Work Australia

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000439

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Relates to previous Department of Employment Question No EM1206_15 (Department reference SQ14-002798)

Question

SWA - Sharing of goods/services/accommodation

- 1. Following the changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?
- 2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?
- 3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?

Answer

- 1. Safe Work Australia purchases a range of services under a number of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with other government agencies.
- 2. Safe Work Australia purchases some enabling and ICT services from the Department of Education and Training and the Department of Employment Shared Services Centre. Two out posted staff in Adelaide share accommodation with the Department of Employment.

Safe Work Australia has an MoU with the Department of Employment to facilitate shared access to media monitoring, parliamentary services and human resource matters.

Safe Work Australia has entered into an MoU with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission for the sub lease of the Nishi Building, Level 7, 2 Philip Law Avenue in New Acton as a result of the Project Tetris undertaken by the Department of Finance.

3. Safe Work Australia has not been subject to a Machinery of Government change since its establishment in 2009.