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Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

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Question

FWO - Survey questions

CHAIR: I just want to go to the survey itself. Usually with a report of this kind we have as an appendix the survey questions. Do you have a copy of them in your brief there? Anybody at the table?

Ms James: I do not have a full copy in my paperwork, no, but—

CHAIR: Anyone with those big, fat folders?

Ms James: But I would be happy—

CHAIR: They are good lawyers! There are a lot of papers, Ms James!

Ms James: There are a lot of issues that we cover when we come to these hearings.

Certainly, I have a copy of the report.

CHAIR: No—we all have a copy of the report that was released on Saturday. Here we are on Wednesday. As in any research, the assumptions made, the survey question, the data collection and the methodology go to the heart of how and why we end up with the recommendations that we do. I would like you to table for the committee, if you do not have them here, the survey questions.

Ms James: Absolutely. What I saw was a report of the survey, not the survey questions themselves. The survey was carried out by an organisation called Quantum, and it was carried out in September 2015—so it is a year on now. I would—

CHAIR: The words will still be the same, Ms James.

Ms James: That is right. But what I have seen is a report. I actually have not seen the survey itself. But we are happy to take on notice to provide you with that, if you would like. CHAIR: Yes. If we are talking about the recommendations and the findings from those questions I expect to be able to see the questions. That would be fantastic.

Answer

See Attachment 1 – Market Research Questionnaire.