

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

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Senator Paterson asked on 19 October 2016 on proof Hansard page 76

Question

Referrals to Regulators Arising from the Royal Commission

Ms Leon: There are 93 referrals to regulators arising from the royal commission. Some of those are multiple referrals in relation to officials of one union. Others might be only one or two referrals in relation to particular unions. We can tell you what the referrals were, but there are 93 of them and it might take a while.

Senator PATERSON: No, I will not ask you to do that. You might need to take this on notice: of those 93 referrals, how many different unions were involved?

Ms Leon: We can take that on notice

Answer

The Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption made a total of 119 referrals; 27 in the interim report and 93 in the final report. Of the total number of referrals, 95 relate to 7 different registered employee organisations. The interim and final reports examined case studies from 8 different registered employee organisations. The remaining referrals relate to organisations which are not registered employee organisations, or individuals who are not union officials.

The registered organisations that are subject to referrals have a number of reporting units as detailed in the table below:

Registered organisation	Reporting unit	Number of civil and criminal referrals relating to reporting unit or officials/ officers of the reporting unit (Interim and Final Reports)
Australian Workers' Union	Australian Workers Union – Victorian Branch	32
Communications, Electrical and Plumbing Union	Electrical Trades Union Victoria	2
Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union	Construction and General Division ACT Branch	8
	Construction and General Division NSW Divisional Branch	20
	Construction and General Division Victoria & Tasmania Branch	11
	CFMEU Queensland (Construction Workers Divisional Branch)	18
	Total	57
Health Services Union	Health Services Union Victoria # 1 Branch	10
	Health Services Union NSW/ACT	3
	Total	13
National Union of Workers	NSW Branch	19
Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees' Association	SDA Queensland	1
Transport Workers' Union	National Office	1
	TWU Western Australia	2
	Total	3