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Question

Employment service provider visits by the Minister

Senator CAMERON: What about you, Minister? How many have you visited?

Senator Cash: I would have to take on notice how many I have visited, but my engagement is very much also at the CEO level and through NESA—I think that is the description. So I am very much attending their conferences, meeting with the head of NESA et cetera. That is the representative body for the job providers.

Senator CAMERON: You cannot tell me, off the top of your head, whether you have ever been to even one?

Senator Cash: I have definitely been to one, yes. As I said, for me the point of contact is very much NESA—that body, the CEOs—and attending their conferences et cetera and meeting with them in my home state and in other states as appropriate.

Answer

The Minister has engaged regularly with providers primarily through meetings and at local and national events at which providers are present, for example, industry hosted forums and job expos. In addition, the Minister also attended numerous meetings with employment services providers, and the peak bodies for employment services, in various venues/locations.