

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

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Question

Work for the Dole provider breaches

Ms Leon: What we found was that there were some matters where they could improve their work health and safety risk processes and their governance and incident management, but we have also advised them that we will not finalise what action we require them to undertake unless and until we get any outcomes from the Workplace Health and Safety report.

Senator CAMERON: I ask you again: were there breaches?

Ms Leon: I do not wish to pre-empt or prejudge the outcomes of the Workplace Health and Safety inquiry.

Senator CAMERON: I am asking whether there were any breaches of your—

Ms Leon: We have sought advice from Workplace Health and Safety Queensland as to when and whether we can publicly release any findings out of the task force report without prejudicing their inquiry. We do not have their response, so I am very reluctant to start putting things on the public record that could prejudice the Workplace Health and Safety investigation.

Senator CAMERON: Are you claiming public interest immunity?

Ms Leon: That would be a matter for the minister, so I am happy to take that on notice.

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Senator Cash: We will take your questions on notice and seek further advice.

Answer

Yes there were some breaches of the jobactive Deed 2015-2020.