

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000926

Senator Cameron asked on 19 October 2016 on proof Hansard page 131

Question

Access to confidential volume of final Royal Commission Report

Ms Parker: Senator Cameron, I was just going to answer your question from before. Sorry, but it took a little while to find it. The government provided access to the confidential volume to crossbench senators in a previous parliament. Access was provided to Senator Lambie, Senator Lazarus, Senator Muir and Senator Wang, following their requests. An additional crossbench senator was provided with access following the election: Senator Malcolm Roberts. You asked whether—

Senator CAMERON: Did Senator Roberts ask for access or was it offered?

Ms Parker: I cannot answer that. I do not know.

Senator CAMERON: Minister?

Senator Cash: I would need to take that on notice.

Answer

Senator Malcolm Roberts was provided with access to the confidential volumes of the interim and final reports of the Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption, following a request by Senator Pauline Hanson.

Senator Roberts was provided with access to the reports on the same terms as access was previously offered to other non-Government Senators.