

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Agency - Comcare**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-001006**

**Senator Marshall provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

##### **Comcare - Investigation for Prosecution Against John Holland**

- Has Comcare commenced an investigation for prosecution against John Holland for the WA Children's hospital asbestos installation? Particularly given John Holland hindered and obstructed lawful entry permit holders to enter the site?
- Has Comcare commenced an investigating for a prosecution the incident of John Holland using asbestos for road base on the Sydney Westconnex?

#### **Answer**

Comcare commenced an investigation into the discovery of asbestos at the WA Children's hospital project in Perth, which is still ongoing. Part of the investigation has involved engagement with Border Force, Worksafe WA and the WA Building Commission. The principal contractor for this project is John Holland. Comcare has attended the Perth Children's Hospital site on two occasions, and is not aware of any allegations of unlawful obstruction or hindrance of entry permit holders to the site.

No. Comcare does not have any jurisdiction in relation to this matter. An allegation regarding the supply of asbestos contaminated soil by a NSW-based recycling facility to government projects, including Westconnex, has been the subject of a joint investigation by Safe Work NSW and the NSW EPA. This investigation determined that soil supplied to the Sydney Westconnex project by this recycling facility was asbestos free.