

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Question No. BE17-091

Senator O'Sullivan asked the following question on 25 May 2017:

Senator O'SULLIVAN: Coming back to you, Mr Matthies, have you seen the documents that have been tabled? Can you look at a copy of that? Do not mention any names for the moment, because I do not think that is significant. If I do want to refer to someone by name, rather than title, I will give them a false name. Could you look at the number of people there and tell me how many of them fall into your team?

Mr Matthies: One.

Senator O'SULLIVAN: Only one. And that would be the publication team leader?

Mr Matthies: Correct.

Senator O'SULLIVAN: But if you read the publication team leader's email, it says, 'I have sent an email requesting it be removed', which would suggest that in this case the team leader has sent it to give effect to the removal of the decision. So there is another person involved, I imagine; maybe someone who is a technician or an administrative assistant. Is that a fair comment?

Mr Matthies: I would need to take that on notice, in terms of having sent an email, as to whether that was directly to AustLII or to another part of the AAT to then forward onto AustLII. I expect that the email would just be sent directly to AustLII.

The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

The Publication Team Leader sent an email to the Database Administrator in the AAT's eServices Section to action the removal of the decision. The Database Administrator sent an email to AustLII requesting that the decision be removed.