SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplaces

Output Group 2.2: Workplace relations implementation

Output 2.2.4: Workplace Relations Services

Question Number: W417-04

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

In a media release on 19 December 2002, the Minister announced that "Reports of breaches of Commission orders to stop or prevent industrial action will be investigated and Commonwealth inspectors will bring civil proceedings in appropriate cases." Does this mean that even further priority will be given to allegations of union breaches at the same time as breaches of awards/agreements by employers will be ignored by the Department?

Answer:

N/A. No such priority is given.