SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

COMCARE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome: Comcare

Question Number: W057-04

Question:

Senator Carr asked in writing:

Has Comcare received any compensation claims for illness based on intimidation and/or harassment of staff by NGA managers? Were those claims accepted?

Answer:

Yes. Comcare has received 6 claims in which allegations of intimidation or harassment of staff by NGA managers formed the basis, or part of the basis, for the claim. The dates of injury in those 6 claims range from 1 October 1985 to 1 August 2001.

Comcare has accepted partial liability in relation to 1 of those claims. Of the remaining 5 claims, liability has been found in 1 claim but for reasons not related to intimidation or harassment, liability has been denied in 2 claims, 1 claim has been withdrawn by the claimant and 1 claim remains undetermined.

In responding to this question Comcare examined all claims it has received from employees of the NGA with dates of injury from 1 July 1980.