Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

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Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

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Question

FWO - Enforceable undertaking

Senator ABETZ: That enforceable undertaking was entered into on 28 March 2011. What happens with these enforceable undertakings? Do you then audit them, go back on a regular three-monthly basis to ensure that that enforceable undertaking is being adhered to? What is the follow up? Mr Wilson: There is no follow up as such, I suppose. However, clearly, if a company came to our attention again either through a direct complaint from a person who worked there or through some other source, we would take the fact that there is an enforceable undertaking into account and very clearly, if there is a breach of the enforceable undertaking, then that is something that can be pursued to a court. My recollection of that particular company—Ms Webster might know more—is that I have a feeling they were not trading after that period. Ms Webster: I will have to take that on notice.

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman provided the following response

Signature Portrait Studios no longer engages any workers as they have ceased trading. The company was deregistered on 20 July 2011.