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Senator: Fifield

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Question:

Senator FIFIELD: Yes. I may need to table this document as well, but we will just play it by ear. Is the Office of the Not-for-Profit Sector aware of the equal remuneration case, the decision handed down recently by Fair Work Australia?

Mr Ronalds: Yes, we are.

Senator FIFIELD: And you would be aware, in general terms, of the decision itself?

Mr Ronalds: In general terms.

Senator FIFIELD: Has the office read the decision?

Mr Ronalds: I have not personally read the decision; I have read summaries of the decision.

Senator FIFIELD: Have any of your staff read the decision?

Mr Ronalds: I can take that question on notice and ask them and write a response.

Senator FIFIELD: If you could; thank you.

Answer:

Yes, two officers in the Office for the Not-For-Profit Sector had read the Fair Work Australia decision.