

Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

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Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport

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Topic: Employees in ACELG

Asked By: Senator JOYCE

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Senator JOYCE: How many people are employed in that?

Ms Foster: In the ACELG?

Senator JOYCE: Yes.

Ms Foster: From memory, I would have to say a handful—it is not a large organisation.

Senator JOYCE: Five or six?

Ms Foster: I would have to take that on notice to give it to you accurately, but it is of that order.

Answer:

ACELG has ten staff.

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Senator McKENZIE: Senator Joyce was asking about the Victorian local governments and their superannuation liability this is obviously not within your purview—I accept that—but I am just wondering whether you have had any direct representation from any local councils in Victoria.

Mr O'Brien: Yes, we have had correspondence that we have dealt with.

Senator McKENZIE: Could you on notice advise me who they are and what you have done with their correspondence in terms of your role in advocating for them?

Mr O'Brien: Will do.

Answer:

The Hon Simon Crean MP, Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government received three letters from local councils in Victoria: Borough of Queenscliff, Gannawarra Shire Council and Nillumbik Shire Council.

The Department replied to each letter on the Minister's behalf, noting the regulatory framework within which regulated funds must comply. The Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation was copied into the response.