

Senate Education and Employment Committees
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To whom it may concern,

Please accept my submission. I do not require this submission to be made confidential.

My name is John. Ive been out of work since 26th Feb 2016

Through a friend I was told an employer urgently needed someone to clean new houses prior to their handing over to the new owners.

My friend works for the owner of the cleaning business but he works in a separate business at a quarry .

I was given an address and told to be there next morning at 10am where I would be given training for the cleaning job.

I reported at 10am and was met by a woman and her daughter who explained to me what was required . This took about 10 minutes and then I was started by cleaning a bedroom, a bathroom and then another bedroom.

The lady did a fair amount of cleaning in other areas of the house during this time. Her daughter spent time on a smart phone.

The lady then said to me to clean the hall backwards to the front door where we will all exit the house. It took over 3 hours to complete my work and outside the house I asked the lady what would happen next.

She replied she didn't know as she wasn't the owner of the business. I walked away and got into my car feeling that things were not right.

During my cleaning I asked the lady to check my work twice and both times she said the standard of my work was fine.

I drove away and never heard from anyone at the business again. I felt as if I had been used and that the 3hours plus training was actually a guise to get me to do cleaning work for free.

I wasn't paid any money for my work. Ive since found out the daughter of the lady was in fact the wife of the owner of the business.

I suspect that people are being told they will be given training for this job only to be used to do the actual job for free. I know I felt used.

Sincerely,

John Nielsen
Saturday 19th of November 2016