

Question On Notice

Senator Carr asked;

Q Senator KIM CARR: Can I just be clear about this? The MOU was announced a day before the Senate inquiry got underway back in June last year, and it was a trade-off. You got job security in return for not criticising the regulations. Is that a fair summary of the actual terms of the MOU? Mr Lazaro, could you please comment on that, and could you follow it up, please, Mr O'Nea?

CHAIR: We're not going to have time for both. Just give us an answer.

Mr Lazaro: I think at that time the most important thing to us as a branch was the protection of our members' jobs. It was very clear from the onset that, with the introduction of ADM, possibly 25 per cent of jobs could be lost. So it was vitally important to try and protect our members' jobs and their incomes. Basically that would have driven—

Senator KIM CARR: And it was announced a day before the Senate inquiry started in June 2020. Is that correct or not?

Senator McKENZIE: Take it on notice if you can't remember.

Mr Lazaro: I'd have to take that on notice, because I wouldn't be able to remember.

A The MOU was entered into by the Divisional office of our Union and Australia Post on 7th July 2020. The Senate inquiry hearing was on July 8th 2020.