

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment Legislation

Inquiry into the Fair Entitlements Guarantee Bill 2014

Public Hearing – 17 September 2014

Questions on Notice

Senator Lines asked, Hansard p 21

Question

Senator Lines: I used the example when I was talking to AiG and you might have heard about ABC where an administrator was appointed, so I am not sure whether anything has been paid out there -

Ms Saunders: I do know that ABC has received GEERS funding.

Senator Lines: It has. I wonder whether you, standing in the shoes of the workers, have recouped any money from that event.

Ms Saunders: We will take that on notice. I do not think we have yet recovered anything.

Answer

The Department has not yet received payment of dividends in recovery of GEERS assistance paid to employees of ABC. This liquidation process is not yet finalised.

Question

Senator Lines: The question I asked—and you may not be able to answer this—is: does manufacturing represent an older workforce? The aged-care workforce in nursing homes, for example, is an older workforce.

Ms Parker: I think we can get that. We will take it on notice.

Answer

Based on the Census 2011, the average age of the workforce in the Manufacturing industry is 41.4 years (median 42 years).

This is comparable to the average age of the workforce across all industries of 40.3 year (median 40 years).