

Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Inquiry into the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013*

26 November 2013

Questions on Notice

Question 1 (p.23 proof Hansard)

Senator CAMERON: I am asking you to take it on notice and I want you to give some consideration to the response you have given me that you are not prepared to provide advice to this committee on an issue that is relevant to the current bill. I am asking you to give us a detailed analysis as to why you are refusing to answer the question.

CHAIR: The previous bill was hypothetical—

Ms Parker: I have answered it.

CHAIR: It was hypothetical—the Senate threw it out.

Ms Parker: I am taking on notice why we are not answering the question. That is what I am able to do.

The Private Member's Bill referred to by Senator Cameron was never enacted and is not the subject of this inquiry by the Committee. The department does not have any document comparing the provisions of the Private Member's Bill with the legislation that is the subject of this Committee's inquiry. To produce such a document would involve the department in providing legal advice to the committee and would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.