

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Oversight of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Takeovers Panel and the Corporations Legislation No. 1 of the 46th Parliament

Agency: Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman

Question No:

Topic: Evidence of Kickbacks

Reference: Spoken p.13 (18 June 2021)

Member: Julian Hill

Question:

Mr HILL: I'll be brief. It's good to see you. As the member for Bruce, it's always good to see Mr Billson. In relation to Greensill, I think you said you dealt with one case or investigation. Mr Billson: Yes.

Mr HILL: Was there any evidence of kickbacks or commissions in that case?

Mr Billson: Not on the material available to me, but, with your agreement, I'll see if we've got any more detail that I can share.

Mr HILL: Sure.

Mr Billson: But, based on this, it was just the existence of CIMIC steering a supplier to Greensill and people being unhappy about what that cost them and why they couldn't just pay—

Mr HILL: Sure. Could you take the detail on notice.

Answer:

In the case brought to this Office, there is no evidence or suggestion of the existence of a kickback/secret commission.