

Further to proceedings of the Committee last Tuesday 27 September 2011 in East Melbourne, I undertook on behalf of the AMWU to answer two questions on notice.

Mrs Gash and Senator Cormann asked whether the AMWU could provide the following information, as summarised by Senator Cormann:

Senator CORMANN: My first question is: would you be able to provide on notice the information that Joanna asked about in relation to the number of complaints you have received? I am particularly interested in the complaints you have received out of the Illawarra from your members. That would be great. Are you able to take that on notice?

I am able to inform the Committee that the AMWU has records of two complaints from the Illawarra in relation to the carbon price.

In respect of the question asked by Senator Milne:

In relation to the job security issue in steel, the changes that the government have made with the steel transformation package require levels of production, and the level of skill that many of the workers in the industry have means they are not easily replaceable. I have been told that the production level in the bill is sufficient to maintain employment. Can you comment on that?

I am not in a position to provide any further information on this matter at this stage. We will endeavour to provide that information as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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