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During the bearing in Newcastle on 9 February, I was asked if National Textiles had notified Centrelink about the closure. My reply was 'No, to the best of my knowledge.'

An employee of National Textiles telephoned the Maitland Centrelink office at approximately 3.00 pm on 20 January 2000 and asked if Centrelink staff could attend a meeting at 10.30 am on 21 January 2000. He indicated that approximately 200 staff would be affected. but gave no indication as to what the impact on staff would be or what the meeting on 21 January was about.

Two Centrelink staff went to the factory on 21 January and minutes before the meeting with National Textiles staff commenced, were informed that the factory was closing and all were being retrenched.

Yours sincerely

A Schell
Area Manager
Area Hunter