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To the Joint Standing Committee on Temporary Business Visas.

I think I need to clarify my answers to a couple of questions posed to me by Mr Randall at this morning's proceedings.

I was asked whether I knew of employers not complying with the 457 visa conditions?

My answer in short was YES.

This answer is not untrue but I should clarify my sources.

My answer is not from physical proof but is hear-say from 457 visa holders who, as I outlined earlier in my evidence had approached us with concerns that they were not receiving appropriate payment for their work and other concerns with conditions of their employment.

The applicants in question have never provided proof to me of their situation. I have chosen to believe them and assisted them to find alternative employment through our labour agreement with clients of Rural Enterprises.

The second question was, were there clients we would not send 457 applicants to?

Again my answer was yes.

This is also not untrue, but to clarify that answer as well, these are not clients who have had employees through us and contravened the terms and conditions (we do not have clients who don't comply with an employees visa conditions), but rather they are clients who we have found for several varied reasons are not really suitable employers for any applicant, not just 457 visa applicants.

I hope I have explained my answers more clearly to you and apologise if I have misled you in any way.

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