

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000076

Senator Lines asked on 11 February 2016 on proof Hansard page 97

Letters sent to crossbench Senators

Senator LINES: And so you are saying that they all received the same letter that had that third paragraph which states:

A person who contravenes a direction made by the Commissioner under section 6D of the Act is guilty of an offence punishable by a fine not exceeding \$2000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 12 months.

Senator Cash: I would need to check all of the letters—and I do not have them all in front of me—but my assumption would be yes, unless you have got all four letters in front of you.

Answer

Yes: Senator Lazarus, Senator Lambie, Senator Muir and Senator Wang were each sent letters that included a paragraph concerning contravention of the non-publication direction made by Commissioner Heydon in respect of the confidential volume of the interim report.