

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

#### **Outcome 2 – Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-001482**

**Senator Rice asked on 02 March 2017 on proof Hansard page 39**

#### **Question**

##### **Growcom meeting**

Senator RICE: Did Growcom meet with the minister before the grants process was finalised?

Ms James: I have no idea, Senator.

Senator RICE: Minister?

Senator Cash: I do not believe so. I will take that on notice, though, to see if they met with the department.

#### **Answer**

The Department of Employment did not meet with Growcom regarding the Community Engagement Grants process.

On 25 October 2016, the Department consulted with a range of stakeholders, including Growcom, on the Government's policy to protect vulnerable workers. The Minister did not attend this meeting and the Community Engagement Grants process was not raised or discussed.