

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

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Question

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Senator PATERSON: I do. I would like to ask some questions about a contract that was entered into by the Fair Work Ombudsman with the Transport Workers Union under the previous government. It relates to promoting the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal. I believe it was for a value of about \$222,000. Are you familiar with that contract, Ms James?

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Ms James: This is right. So an app was designed and, due to a range of interventions, it was never released. Then it became redundant, so to speak. It is a suboptimal outcome to have taxpayers' money expended in a way that does not have the utility you would prefer. I am not sure—and I would need to check—whether the Transport Workers Union provided any other generic services under the contract.

Senator PATERSON: On notice, if you could provide that, that would be good.

Answer

The Transport Workers Union did not provide any other generic services under the contract.