

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

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

#### **Outcome 1 - Employment**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-001952**

**Senator Marshall asked on 30 March 2017 on proof Hansard page 27**

#### **Question**

##### **jobactive Provider - NEATO**

Senator MARSHALL: I am sure it will. Did the department have any concerns about the service provider and NEATO? What workplace health and safety concerns did the department have about NEATO the service provider before the incident?

Mr Hehir: I will need to take that on notice; there is nothing in front of me about any concerns prior to the incident.

Senator MARSHALL: Do you know whether they were ever asked to improve the workplace health and safety practices? You do not?

Mr Hehir: I am just trying to tee up the sequencing. Prior to the incident, as part of a national exercise, we had been undertaking an audit of 200 sites. Neato had a number of sites that were part of that audit process, so it is possible that they had received feedback, prior to that incident, from the audit process. I would need to check the timing.

Senator MARSHALL: All right; if you can take that on notice, that would be good. Also: if they were asked to improve their practices, what did you do as a response to that? Did you follow up with that? Did they respond satisfactorily?

Mr Hehir: Yes, I can.

#### **Answer**

Please refer to the response to Employment Question No. EMSQ16-001078.