

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

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

**Agency - Fair Work Commission**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-001961**

**Senator Cameron asked on 30 March 2017 on proof Hansard page 16**

**Question**

**FWC - Pensions - Members of the Industrial relations Commission**

Senator CAMERON: Justice Ross, could I ask you as well to provide copies of any correspondence you have in relation to this matter?

Justice Ross: I can probably indicate that I am pretty sure I do not have any copies of correspondence, but I will ask my associate to search my records.

**Answer**

We understand Senator Cameron's question to relate to the correspondence from former Vice President Watson to the Minister for Employment in 2015, as referred to in paragraph [10] of the written statement about early departures by Presidential Members that Justice Ross tabled in the Estimates hearing on 30 March 2017.

The Associate to Justice Ross has advised that his records include a draft of the letter to the Minister for Employment which was provided to Justice Ross by former Vice President Watson by email on 29 October 2015, but his records do not include a copy of the letter sent to the Minister or of any response to the letter from the Minister or any other person.

A copy of the relevant email correspondence and draft letter is attached.