

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Question

jobactive Deed - Disclosure of information

Senator CAMERON: Under the deed would they—not Neato but anyone—be obliged to disclose any problem that breaches health and safety? Would they have to disclose that to potential clients?

Ms Leon: Not that we are aware of. We would have to take on notice the specific question. No-one here is aware whether there is a specific requirement in the deed about disclosure of that issue.

Senator CAMERON: Don't you think there should be a specific requirement that, if someone is killed when they have been engaged by Neato, there should be a disclosure?

Ms Leon: The work health and safety investigation is still ongoing.

Senator CAMERON: Let's talk in general, not about Neato. Do you think it would be appropriate, if there are health and safety issues with one of the providers, for that to be disclosed?

Ms Leon: If there are work, health and safety issues with one of the providers, it is our responsibility to manage that provider in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Senator CAMERON: But the contract does not go to any disclosure to potential clients.

Ms Leon: I have taken on notice that question as to whether it has a specific provision about disclosure.

Answer

The jobactive Deed (Deed) requires a provider to comply with all applicable work health and safety (and other) laws, and that would include complying with any notification requirements that apply under those laws.