

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004008

Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Question

Sarina Russo jobactive contract

Prior to Sarina Russo winning a jobactive contract, how many people have made representations on the company's behalf, wrote on their behalf or met with people on their behalf?

What are their names?

How many government MPs made representations on behalf of Sarina Russo ahead of their success in securing a jobactive contract? Which government MPs made those representations?

How many times did the Minister meet with Sarina Russo during 2016 and to date in 2017?

Has a Sarina Russo company been given a place on the Youth Jobs PaTH training panels? Was the fact sensitive information about jobseekers was found in public taken into account when making that decision? "

Answer

A search of departmental records indicates that, since 1 January 2014, there have been no representations from Members of Parliament, or other people, on behalf of Sarina Russo Job Access (Australia) Pty Ltd and its bid for jobactive business in response to the Employment Services 2015-2020 Approach to Market.

Departmental records indicate that, since 1 January 2016, one meeting was scheduled with Minister Cash and Sarina Russo. The Minister also meets with other providers.

The incident where job seeker information was found in a skip bin at Sarina Russo Job Access' (SRJA) Narre Warren, Victoria site was investigated under the jobactive Deed 2015-2020.

SRJA is not on the panel of providers to deliver Youth Jobs PaTH training.