

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Department of Employment Question No. EM0845_15

Senator Cameron asked on 3 June 2014 on proof Hansard page 23

Question

Australian Jobs 2014 document

Senator CAMERON: Ms Taylor, were you responsible for developing the series document Australian Jobs 2014? Ms Taylor: My cluster is responsible for that document. Senator CAMERON: Your cluster—what does that mean? Ms Taylor: The people who work in my area are responsible for it. Senator CAMERON: But you have responsibility? Ms Taylor: I have responsibility for it, yes. Senator CAMERON: So I am asking questions on this document to the right person? Ms Taylor: Yes. Senator CAMERON: Did you meet with Mr Manuatu in the days leading up to 24 February? Ms Taylor: No, Senator. Senator CAMERON: You did not meet with him? Ms Taylor: I did not meet with him. Senator CAMERON: Did you have any telephone conversations with him? Ms Taylor: I had telephone conversations. Senator CAMERON: Were there any email exchanges. Ms Taylor: There were email exchanges between the department but not from me personally. Senator CAMERON: On notice can you provide details of the email exchanges? Ms Taylor: I will take that on notice, yes. Senator CAMERON: Can you provide details of when the phone calls were made and could you indicate to me what the issues were in those phone calls? And was there any other correspondence other than emails and telephone conversations? Ms Taylor: No, Senator, not that I am aware. Senator CAMERON: Can you just indicate to me what the broad nature of these telephone calls was—not on all issues but in relation to the employment forecast figures? Ms Leon: We do not necessarily keep the time records of telephone calls. We will be able to provide it within a certain range but I doubt that Ms Taylor will be able to say that she spoke to Mr Manuatu on a particular date and time. Senator CAMERON: That is fine. The number of calls, roughly when they were— Ms Leon: As best we can recall.

Answer

There were three phone calls between 24 and 28 February 2014. Details of the calls were provided at the hearing. See page 24 of the Hansard.

Please refer to EM0853_15 in relation to the email exchange.