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Question

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Senator CAMERON: Ms Leon, has the department been in touch with the family of this young worker who was killed?

Ms Leon: I understand that the department has written to the mother.

Senator CAMERON: Did anyone try to ring the mother or contact the mother to see whether she needed any help or any support?

Ms Leon: I think that was the terms of the letter, but we chose not to ring the mother at this difficult time.

Senator CAMERON: It has been some time now since this terrible incident. Has anyone thought about making some contact now?

Ms Leon: I believe the department has written to her.

Senator CAMERON: Can you provide a copy of that correspondence? Ms Leon: I will see whether we can get it for you.

Answer

The department, through the Queensland State Manager, has been in regular contact with the mother of the job seeker, by letter and phone, including a visit to her at her home on 18 May 2016.

The department wrote to the mother on 5 May 2016, attached is a copy of the letter.