

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

**Agency - Fair Work Commission**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000803**

**Senator Williams asked on 06 May 2016 on proof Hansard page 74**

#### **Question**

#### **FWC - RSRT - Representation and background of tribunal members**

Senator WILLIAMS: Of the eight, how many were from the transport industry?

Ms O'Neill: I actually do not have that with me, but I can review the appointments of the industry members. The criteria for appointment under the scheme was essentially their expertise in the area.

Senator WILLIAMS: Okay. I want you to take two questions on notice for me. One is on expertise in that area: how many of those tribunal members represented owner-driver truckies? The other is: of the eight people on that tribunal, how many had a union background?

Ms O'Neill: Certainly.

#### **Answer**

*Of the eight, how many were from the transport industry?*

*I want you to take two questions on notice for me. One is on expertise in that area: how many of those tribunal members represented owner-driver truckies? The other is: of the eight people on that tribunal, how many had a union background?*

The Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal (the RSRT) had two types of members:

- four dual appointed members of the RSRT and the Fair Work Commission; and
- four industry members who held office on a part-time basis.

Information about Members appointed to the RSRT, including information about the background of the RSRT's industry Members, is published in the RSRT's Annual Report (see pages 8-9). The RSRT's 2014-15 Annual Report may be accessed here:

[http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/download/publications/tables/papers/6cd424ea-bf97-482d-9c65-56ca7cad4c49/upload\\_pdf/RSRT%20AR2014-15.pdf;fileType=application%2Fpdf#search=%22publications/tables/papers/6cd424ea-bf97-482d-9c65-56ca7cad4c49%22](http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/download/publications/tables/papers/6cd424ea-bf97-482d-9c65-56ca7cad4c49/upload_pdf/RSRT%20AR2014-15.pdf;fileType=application%2Fpdf#search=%22publications/tables/papers/6cd424ea-bf97-482d-9c65-56ca7cad4c49%22).

Section 79(2)(c) of the *Road Safety Remuneration Act 2012* (Cth) required industry members to have knowledge of, or experience in, one or more of the following fields:

- transport and logistics;
- driving in the road transport industry;
- business, industry or commerce;
- work health and safety in the road transport industry.

Members were not appointed to represent owner drivers.

All of the four industry members had experience with the road transport industry.

Two of the eight members had previously worked for a union. Five of the eight members were, or were previously, employed, engaged or office holders in organisations representing employers, hirers and/or owner drivers in the road transport industry.