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Senator CARR asked: —They are being very helpful. I cannot complain that they have withheld information about how much money the company has got. I am not making any accusation. I am trying to establish whether the Commonwealth provided assistance. It could be that the state government provided assistance for relocation expenses.

Mr Paterson—Mr Peel has indicated that he is not aware of any payment that we have made in that way.

Senator CARR—Thank you. What I was worried about—

Mr Paterson—If we become aware on a further search of our records we will let you know.

Senator CARR—Mr Paterson, the reason I asked the question was that Mr Peel said he personally was not aware, and I am always anxious about whether or not that means that someone else in the department might be aware.

Mr Peel—Nobody jumped up.

Senator CARR—To correct the record.

Mr Peel—What we can do is determine whether any of the money that I mentioned we paid to them was for that purpose.

Senator CARR—Yes, thank you very much.

Mr Peel—If it was, we will provide that information.

ANSWER

AusIndustry has not provided assistance for relocation expenses to Blundstone Australia Pty Ltd.