Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

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Agency - Fair Work Australia

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Question

FWA - Phone calls from NSW Fraud Squad to Tim Lee

Senator ABETZ: Can somebody tell me why the then manager Mr Lee did not return the phone calls from the New South Wales Fraud Squad? Ms O'Neill: Not specifically. As I understand it the calls were made and returned within 24 or 48 hours. As I understand it Mr Lee was not in the office on the particular day and returned the call within the next 24 hours or something to that effect. I will take that on notice and correct that if I am wrong. Senator ABETZ: Do you know whether the telephone messages were passed on to Mr Lee? Ms O'Neill: No. I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response:

When the General Manager's office was contacted by Acting Commander Watson, the General Manager, Tim Lee, was in transit from Canberra to Melbourne.

The telephone message from the Acting Commander was passed on from Mr Lee's Executive Assistant to Mr Lee when he arrived back in Melbourne. He returned the call that same day.