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Question:

Senator FIFIELD: Thank you. You pre-empted my question, which was: did the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations seek the input of the Office of the Not-for-Profit Sector in its submission?

Ms Cross: The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet had discussions with DEEWR about that submission.

Senator FIFIELD: Including the Office of the Not-for-Profit Sector?

Ms Cross: I would have to take that on notice, but across the department we consult.

Senator FIFIELD: How many people are there in the Office of the Not-for-Profit Sector?

Ms Cross: Eleven to three.

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Senator FIFIELD: There are eleven people so it should not be too hard to establish if the Office of the Not-for-Profit Sector had its views sought in the whole-of-government submission?

Ms Cross: Certainly PM&C did and we can confirm who within PM&C, but we will have to take it on notice.

Senator FIFIELD: If you could, that would be helpful because I am trying to get a handle on what the scope of the Office of the Not-for-Profit Sector is, the extent to which it is an office, the window dressing, and the extent to which it really does have serious input and to which it provides a whole-of-government perspective on issues to do with the sector. So you will take on notice whether the office was consulted?

Ms Cross: Yes, we will.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, including the Office for the Not-For-Profit Sector, provided input to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations-led submission to Fair Work Australia.