

20 October 2017

The Hon. R. Borsak, Chair
Portfolio Committee No. 4 – Legal Affairs
Legislative Assembly
Parliament House
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Mr Borsak,

Below are my responses to the questions on notice highlighted in the transcript of my appearance on 22 September 2017. I have no amendments to make to the transcript itself.

P 20: *How much does a paramedic pay for membership of your union?*

All Health Services Union members pay a flat rate of \$11.10 per week.

P20: *You said that you have been contacted by 1,000 paramedics in the past 18 months...Will you provide the Committee with a breakdown of what they contacted you about?*

In the period 1 January 2016 to 13 September 2017 the union's Member Services Division recorded one thousand and eight calls from paramedics, of which four were related to bullying and harassment. A breakdown of all calls by subject is attached to this letter.

P 23: *How many cases are you handling on behalf of paramedics at the moment?*

Our member services currently has fifty-eight open matters related to ambulance employees, there are five matters in the Industrial Relations Commission and the Ambulance Division staff have about another twenty pending cases. We also have an active network of delegates who deal with members' problems at the workplace level. We cannot exactly quantify the issues those delegates are dealing with but our best estimate is that the present number is around forty.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary.



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