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Portfolio Youth

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING HEARING

Question

Ms Lee Rhiannon: Is the Government moving to set up a young workers' advisory service?

Answer

I understand that the Office of Industrial Relations and WorkCover have decided not to establish a youth–specific service at this stage. The Office of Industrial Relations developed the Young People at Work website and is planning an email reply service and electronic complaint form to attach to the website. WorkCover has a Young Workers' website and advise that the WorkCover Assistance Service is available to young workers. It is not possible to determine how many callers are young workers because the service is anonymous.

If the Committee requires any further information in relation to this question, I would suggest that an approach be made to the Minister for Industrial Relations.

The Hon Linda Burney MP