

**Submission
No 3**

INQUIRY INTO THE APPROVAL OF THE DESIGNER OUTLETS CENTER - LIVERPOOL

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Subject: Employee of Sisco, Shop No. 32

Summary

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The Director
General Purpose Standing Committee No 4
Parliament House
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Dear Sir

My name is Mannell Khodr, I am 25 years old and work for Sisco, Shop 32, Designer Outlets Liverpool on a full time basis. I would like to express my feelings to you on how losing my job will affect me and my family. Recently my husband and I separated and in return he left me with a \$30,000 debt to repay. My father had a severe stroke, which has left him incapacitated, so now I have to help my 50 year old mother financially as she cannot do it on her own. I also have to make car repayments, pay rent, pay bills, buy food, clothing etc. which I cannot afford to do on the dole.

I have finally found financial stability and security in my position only to have the threat of being jobless and debt ridden hanging over my head. If I lose my job I will be forced to live on the street as I will not be able to pay rent. I will lose my car as I won't be able to make the repayments. I will end up in major debt with no way out and no way of ever being able to borrow money because of my credit rating. In effect my life is not just being jeopardised now but where will I be financially in 5 years time if I were to lose my position?

The government should be ashamed of itself. Firstly it is you who are responsible for this debacle. I would like to pose the questions to you although I know you probably couldn't or wouldn't answer them anyway.

1. Why did you ever let us get into this position?
2. Will you personally guarantee me you will find me another job?
3. When I apply for the dole and the debt collectors come knocking, will you pay my debt for me or the court costs to explain why I suddenly cannot pay off my loan?
4. Will you provide for me when I am older, such as super etc.... due to my job loss I will not have any super for retirement and therefore was wondering if the government has considered the long term effects?

It really is a sad case when you hear all of the other people who are in the same situation, especially when it comes to a point where some of them contemplate suicide. On that note I therefore ask that you re-consider the plight of myself and others as we are really desperate to keep our jobs. I pray that you will find it in your hearts to do what is best by the people who have voted to put you in that position. I also hope that this has not fallen on deaf ears, but only time will tell at the next election.

Thank you and regards



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