

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Question No: XX

Asked by: Mr Danny O'Brien MP

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Mr D O'BRIEN — Will [WorkSafe's] investigation look into why Unified Security was retained to provide security services when it was not on a pre-approved list?

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Mr D O'BRIEN: Is there just one into hotel quarantine or are there a number?

Mr RADFORD: There is one, but it covers multiple sites and multiple duty holders.

*Mr D O'BRIEN: Okay. **On that question, will that investigation look into why Unified Security was retained to provide security services when it was not on a pre-approved list?***

Mr RADFORD: I am sorry. I did not catch the second part of the question.

*Mr D O'BRIEN: **When it was not on a pre-approved panel.***

Mr RADFORD: I would have to take that question on notice. I mean, what we look at is whether there have been breaches of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and the duties that a duty holder holds. I do not believe procurement would fall within that, but I will take that on notice.

Mr D O'BRIEN: Do you know whether those investigations include Unified Security and the other security providers?

Mr RADFORD: Security companies are amongst the duty holders that are part of that investigation, yes.

Reply:

WorkSafe is investigating whether any person may have committed an offence under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004* (OHS Act) in connection with workplaces associated with the COVID-19 Hotel Quarantine Program. The investigation extends to those who had management or control of those workplaces. I can confirm that the OHS Act does not specifically refer to procurement practices with respect to the provision of services at workplaces.

Colin Radford

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