

**2.7 Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier of the Minister for Economic Development regarding ‘wild cat’ industrial action by Condor staff at the Harbour:**

Having spoken to the Minister, I did feel that perhaps I should withdraw the question, but in fairness to the company I think I should go ahead. Would the Minister clarify whether so-called ‘wild cat’ industrial action was taken by Condor staff at the harbour at the beginning of September 2010, and if so, what were the reasons given for this?

**Senator A.J.H. Maclean (The Minister for Economic Development):**

I can confirm that there was no industrial action taken by Condor staff at the harbour at the beginning of September 2010. In fact, I am advised that in the history of the company, Condor’s staff have never taken any industrial action.

**2.7.1 Deputy T.M. Pitman:**

I thank the Minister for his answer. While one always wishes to take contacts from staff and members of the public in good faith, I am happy with that answer, that the information I received was the result of crossed-wires. Nevertheless, could I ask the Minister if he can confirm that harbour staff did in fact stop work at the beginning of September due to a health and safety dispute, which may have led to this confusion?

**Senator A.J.H. Maclean:**

No, harbour staff did not cease work, although the stevedores did, under the standard operating procedures at the harbour. They stopped for about 15 minutes, the issue was quickly resolved. It was no more than an operational matter.