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Dail Question No: 681

To ask the Minister for Transport whether the Irish Aviation Authority opened a Just Culture investigation under Regulation (EU) No 376/2014 in respect of a complaint lodged by a former flight captain (details supplied); whether that investigation was closed without a final report or written determination as to whether penalisation under Article 16(9) had occurred; if so, the statutory basis on which such an investigation may be closed without findings; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Deputy O’Callaghan,

The Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) notes the response of the Minister for Transport on this matter and can add the following information:

Regulation (EU) 376/2014 provides for employees and contracted personnel of organisations impacted by this Regulation to report to the Just Culture Body (JCB) alleged infringements of the rules established by Article 16 of this Regulation.

The JCB’s role is to investigate allegations of rules infringement through an evidence-based and detailed examination of the organisation’s just culture procedures, the implementation of these procedures and any documentary evidence related to the allegation.

If the JCB finds evidence that infringements did occur, the JCB will make findings concerning related deficiencies in the organisations just culture procedures, or their implementation, and ensure these deficiencies are corrected through appropriate regulatory enforcement action.

The reporting obligations in respect of the activities of the JCB are provided in Article 16(13) of Regulation (EU) 376/2014. With due regard for the protections of persons and confidentiality provisions of Regulation (EU) 376/2014, the IAA is prevented from commenting on individual JCB investigations.

We can clarify in general terms that JCB investigations are closed when the investigation team has concluded its work and produced a report of its investigation. The outcome of the investigation may, or may not, find evidence of infringement. No investigation is closed unless until this determination is made. A report on the outcome of the investigation is shared with both the reporter and the organisation involved in each individual case.

Regards,

Alec Elliott

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