

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Agency - Fair Work Building and Construction**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000157**

**Senator Cameron asked on 12 February 2016 on proof Hansard page 35**

#### **Question**

##### **FWBC - DBM Independent Consults costs**

Senator CAMERON: That is all that you should have said. Is it then correct that, including the 2014 bullying report, DBM Independent Consultants have been awarded consulting contracts worth \$107,124.20 since Mr Hadgkiss was appointed director?

Mr O'Keeffe: I have not added the figures up. I will take it on notice, because I came into the agency after that.

Senator CAMERON: What is your position?

Mr O'Keeffe: You know.

Senator CAMERON: Just tell the committee.

Mr O'Keeffe: I am the Chief Operating Officer.

Senator CAMERON: Are you responsible for financial accountability?

Mr O'Keeffe: Certainly. Some of the transactions that you are referring to are before my time. You have asked me to add up a number of transactions since October 2013. I apologise that I have not done that, but I know that I have not done that. I will take it on notice and I will go back and add it up to see whether or not your figure is correct.

#### **Answer**

Confirming that DBM Independent Consultants have undertaken three projects for the FWBC with total value of \$107,124.20 (incl of GST) since October 2013, being the Workplace Harassment & Bullying Review, Workplace Bullying training and Leadership training.