

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

#### Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000166

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#### Question

##### Departmental advice to agencies

Senator CAMERON: Did you get advice from the department on that?

Mr Hadgkiss: I do not recall.

Senator CAMERON: Did the department provide—

Ms Parker: On the specific question?

Senator CAMERON: Yes.

Ms Parker: No. The only thing we would do, if asked by our seven portfolio agencies, is to provide advice on general responses to questions of the Senate and questions on notice—what the rules are and those sorts of things. We do that if asked.

Senator CAMERON: Did you provide any advice to Fair Work Building and Construction on any of these issues?

Ms Parker: Not that I am aware.

Senator CAMERON: Would you like to take it on notice?

Ms Parker: I will not remember, because it would have been a phone call, but I can say that I think Mr Hadgkiss and I have talked a number of times about how the department answers questions on notice.

Senator CAMERON: I ask you then to take on notice whether you have provided any advice to Fair Work Building and Construction or any of its officers in relation to public interest immunity claims or in relation to answers that have been provided to the Senate on any of the questions that I have been outlining.

Ms Parker: I am happy to take it on notice. The answer will be no, but that is fine.

#### Answer

No.