Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

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Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

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Senator Cameron provided in writing.

Question

SHAM CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS

Is the Fair Work Ombudsman aware of any sham contracting arrangements in the construction industry?

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman has provided the following response:

The Fair Work Ombudsman is aware of allegations of the existence of sham contracting arrangements in the building and construction industry.

The AustralianBuilding and Construction Commission generally has responsibility for the investigation of allegations of sham contracting within the building and construction industry.