

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Agency - Fair Work Commission

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Question

FWC - Automated process between building and permit applications

CHAIR: That is the building and construction industry covered with an automated process. What about other industries?

Ms O'Neill: I will have to take the detail of that on notice in this way. The information that is automated and provided to Fair Work Building and Construction comes about in fact through an obligation set out in the Fair Work (Building Industry) Act rather than under the Fair Work Act. That is how that arrangement—

CHAIR: Do you see that as a deficiency? What is your process for that?

Ms O'Neill: My point simply is I do not have in front of me information about what the information provision is in an analogous way, if at all, in relation to the Fair Work Ombudsman and I would have to take that on notice. It may be that there is no similar arrangement.

CHAIR: If you could take that on notice.

Answer

The Fair Work Commission (the Commission) provides information about right of entry permit applications lodged with the Commission to Fair Work Building and Construction. The application information is transferred daily, electronically. Provisions in the *Fair Work (Building Industry) Act 2012* require the General Manager to notify the Director of Fair Work Building and Construction of applications involving building industry participants.

The Commission assists other Commonwealth and State industry regulators by publishing and maintaining a comprehensive list of all current permit holders on the Commission's website. Requests for specific information concerning permit applications are routinely received from State and Commonwealth regulators, including the Fair Work Ombudsman. Responses to these requests are provided in accordance with s.655 of the *Fair Work Act 2009*.