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Agency - Fair Work Building and Construction

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Question

FWBC - Provide copies of speeches and presentations made at each event or engagement

Senator CAMERON: The second question is: would you provide copies of speeches and presentations made at each event or engagement?

Mr Hadgkiss: I would be unable to.

Senator CAMERON: Do you have no speeches?

Mr Hadgkiss: Occasionally I keep speeches. They can be changed—as the minister has referred to—they can be on the—

Senator CAMERON: You understand that there are document protocols within the Public Service? You are aware of that, aren't you?

Mr Hadgkiss: Not to do with speeches, no.

Senator Abetz: It is not for speeches. It is a very good try, Senator, but you should not try to mislead witnesses by asserting that which is untrue.

Senator CAMERON: I was not doing that.

Senator Abetz: Alright. You were doing it ignorantly in that case, not deliberately; I accept that.

Senator CAMERON: So, Mr Hadgkiss, you do not have a copy of any speech over 50 presentations?

Mr Hadgkiss: Over 60 or 70 or 80 by now. Some, I understand, are on the website; others I would be unable to track down.

Senator CAMERON: So will you provide the ones that you say are available on the website?

Mr Hadgkiss: Yes. They are publicly available.

Senator Abetz: They are available. There is no need—this would once again be an unreasonable diversion, I would have thought. If it is publicly available, Senator, just ask one of your staff to print it off for you.

Senator CAMERON: If there are only a few available, how could that be unreasonable?

Mr Hadgkiss: I am not sure how many there are.

Senator CAMERON: If they are available, it is not unreasonable to provide them, is it?

Mr Hadgkiss: I will make them available.

Senator CAMERON: That is good.

Answer

See Attached. These speeches are also available on the FWBC website.

Attachment 1 – Industrial Relations Society of Western Australia State Conference 2014

Attachment 2 – Ai Group Personnel and Industrial Relations (PIR) National Conference

Attachment 3 – Master Builders South Australia Breakfast Forum

Attachment 4 – Master Builders Queensland 2014 Industry Leaders Lunch

Attachment 5 - Industrial Relations Society of Western Australia State Conference 2013

Attachment 6 - Master Builders Association Victoria Industry Breakfast