

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Agency - Fair Work Building and Construction

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Question

FWBC - construction site visits by Hobart office staff

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Senator CAMERON: Mr Hadgkiss, how many individual construction sites were visited by the Fair Work Building and Construction in Tasmania in 2014-15?

Mr Hadgkiss: In Tasmania?

Senator CAMERON: Yes.

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Senator CAMERON: Can you provide details of how many individual construction sites were visited and by whom?

Mr Hadgkiss: I have them for last year.

CHAIR: Is that in the annual report?

Mr Hadgkiss: Yes. There were 133 visits in 2013-14. In 2014-15, as we mentioned before, the building code work got some impetus, and there were 257 visits carried out.

Senator CAMERON: How many of those visits were multiple visits to the one site?

Mr Hadgkiss: I do not have that level of detail. I am not sure we keep that level of detail.

Senator CAMERON: Your officers can give us details to the minute level in other areas of their work, but they do not keep notes or a diary?

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice. I am not saying that they do not; I said that I am not familiar with that.

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Senator CAMERON: Could you provide details of how many visits were made to each site and a month-by-month breakdown of site visits conducted by staff in the Hobart office in 2014-15.

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice.

Answer

Month	Site Visit
July 2014	24
August 2014	31
September 2014	37
October 2014	18
November 2014	28
December 2014	19
January 2015	27
February 2015	7

March 2015	25
April 2015	28
May 2015	5
June 2015	8
Total	257

178 construction sites were visited during 257 site visits. 143 visits were multiple visits to the one site:

- 51 sites were visited twice,
 - 11 sites were visited 3 times, and
 - 2 sites were visited 4 times.
- There were three FWBC Inspectors who have visited site in Tasmania (1 x EL1, 1 x APS6, 1 x APS5).