

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Fair Work Building and Construction

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Question

FWBC - Unions before the courts

Senator REYNOLDS: To recap: we have got figures of today, but there is obviously still more coming in. Can you break that down. We have the number of officials pretty much. There is one or no states that do not have any senior CFMEU officials that have been charged before the courts, but can you break that down further. So 48 of the 53 matters before the courts are CFMEU-related. What are the other unions in terms of the 67 investigations and 53 before the courts? Do you have that detail there?

Mr Hadgkiss: I think we have—

Senator REYNOLDS: That is right. I am happy for you to take it on notice.

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice.

CHAIR: Let's keep moving.

Senator REYNOLDS: We will keep it moving. Can you take on notice as well to provide the breakdown by state.

Answer

As at 12 February 2016, FWBC had 69 active investigations. In 61 of those investigations, trade unions are subjects of the investigation.

FWBC does not usually name the subjects of investigations, until those allegations form the basis for court proceedings that have been filed.

As at 12 February 2016, FWBC had 52 cases currently before the courts:

- CFMEU is the sole union respondent in 45 cases. There are currently an additional 2 matters before the courts where the CFMEU & CEPU are both respondents.
- CEPU is the sole union respondent in 1 case.

The 47 (45 + 2) cases in which CFMEU is a respondent are located as follows:

ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	VIC	WA
2	5	2	8	14	9	7