

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Fair Work Building and Construction

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000175

Senator Cameron asked on 12 February 2016 on proof Hansard page 60

Question

FWBC - Advice to Jaxon construction

Senator CAMERON: Have your officers provided any advice in any form to Perth building company Jaxon Construction in relation to right of entry by union officers seeking to carry out their duties under occupational health and safety laws?

Mr Hadgkiss: My information in terms of Jaxon is that we visited one of their sites, the Bennett Street lodge, three times in 2015. This is where the two young Irish workers were killed, if you are coming to that. We conducted 15 visits to various Jaxon sites during 2015. No breaches of workplace laws were identified during these site visits, nor were any matters raised with this agency by the company, by workers or by any CFMEU officials.

Senator CAMERON: So how many times did you visit? Was it 15 times?

Mr Hadgkiss: Fifteen times to various Jaxon sites during 2015.

Senator CAMERON: How many sites are there in Perth?

Mr Hadgkiss: Prior to the accident on 25 November we made a total of 15 visits across nine Jaxon construction sites during 2015.

Senator CAMERON: And did you provide advice to Jaxon?

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice.

Senator CAMERON: Can you take on notice if you provided advice and, if you did, what was the nature of the advice and all documentation, times of phone calls, and any file notes in relation to that advice.

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice, yes. We certainly did not receive any complaint from the CFMEU about them being obstructed or otherwise.

Answer

During 2015 FWBC Investigators visiting the nine sites Jaxon had under construction on fifteen occasions.

FWBC provided advice to Jaxon about their rights and responsibilities under the *Fair Work Act 2009* (particularly in relation to right of entry). This included advising of the FWBC App that contains information about right of entry.

Attachment A: Documentation and File Note.