

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. EMSQ16-000180

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Question

FWBC - Authority to approve expenditure

Senator CAMERON: Which Fair Work Building and Construction officers have delegated authority to approve legal service expenditure on external legal representation for non-operational matters such as defence of applications for judicial review?

Mr Corney: Similarly, we will take that on notice.

Senator CAMERON: Do any officers below SES level have any delegated authority to authorise such legal expenditure?

Mr Corney: No, Senator.

Senator CAMERON: They don't?

Mr Corney: That is my understanding.

Senator CAMERON: Okay. When you said that it is your 'understanding', is it more?

Mr Corney: I will take that on notice, but I am just saying that that is certainly my understanding.

Answer

The following positions have the authority to approve external legal expenses in accordance with FWBII financial delegations and finance direction:

- Chief Counsel (SES2)
- Chief Financial Officer (SES1)