

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. EMSQ16-000181

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Question

FWBC - Details of authorisation for legal services expenditure

Senator CAMERON: Has all known operational legal service expenditure in the past two years been authorised by Fair Work Building and Construction officers holding the necessarily delegated authority to do so?

Mr Corney: Yes, Senator.

Senator CAMERON: Can you provide details of who has exercised that authority?

Mr Corney: I will provide details of who has that authority to exercise, yes.

Senator CAMERON: And all documentation associated with the exercise of that authority.

Mr Corney: I will take that on notice, Senator

Answer

The Chief Counsel has exercised the authority relating to operational legal expenditure. To provide all documentation associated with the exercise of the authority would be an unreasonable diversion of agency resources as it relates to two years of transactional data.