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Agency - Fair Work Building and Construction

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Question

FWBC - Surveillance of telephones following threatening phone calls

Senator CAMERON: Let me ask my question. Have you put in any processes within your organisation such that, if someone receives a harassing call on the work phone, the phone number can be changed or the phone is then subject to surveillance?

Mr Hadgkiss: There is a long assertion there. Have I ever put in place a process whereby if any of my officers get a call—

Senator CAMERON: Get calls on their telephone—

Mr Hadgkiss: we then conduct surveillance?

Senator CAMERON: That you can seek to have the phone—

Mr Hadgkiss: Yes. I assume in this case that is what happened with the intimidating and threatening calls that Mary received. We have liberty to make an application to the telephone carrier to find out who made the call at the relevant time. That is quite lawful.

Senator CAMERON: Do you know if that was done?

Mr Hadgkiss: I do not. I can take that on notice.

Senator CAMERON: Could you take that on notice, because it is important that we understand the aspects of this issue.

Answer

The ABCC and the FWBC did not make any requests for data information under the *Telecommunications (interception and Access) Act 1979* in relation to this matter.