

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Fair Work Building and Construction

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Question

FWBC - Training for FWBC staff

Senator CAMERON: Can you outline, Mr Hadgkiss, the consultations between Fair Work Building and Construction and the MBA of Victoria in relation to the delivery of the course to Fair Work Building and Construction staff.

Mr Hadgkiss: I am happy to take that on notice.

Senator CAMERON: During the consultations, was any consideration given to the appropriateness of Fair Work Building and Construction staff being trained by an organisation regulated by Fair Work Building and Construction?

Mr Hadgkiss: I imagine there would have been, yes.

Senator CAMERON: If you imagine there would have been, do you have details of what that consideration was?

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice.

Senator CAMERON: Could you provide all correspondence, emails, file notes et cetera in relation to the provision of this training?

Mr Hadgkiss: Yes, Senator.

Senator CAMERON: Do you have course notes and course content?

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice.

Senator CAMERON: Can you provide the course notes and course content to the estimates committee?

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice.

Senator CAMERON: Have Fair Work Building and Construction staff received any other training from the Master Builders in Victoria or in any state other than Victoria?

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice.

Senator CAMERON: When you take it on notice, could you then provide these details: if there was, what was it and how much did it cost?

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice.

Answer

When engaging training providers FWBC will always consider value for money, the experience of the training provider and availability/timing of the course.

Providing details of the training course for public consumption would greatly reduce the effectiveness of the training provided to FWBC's investigators, particularly in relating to training on how to manage situations where their mental and physical safety is being threatened on building sites.

Other training procured by FWBC from Master Builders is as follows:

| Course Name | Total Cost |
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| Asbestos Awareness | \$1160 |
| Construction Induction Card Training | \$1710 |