

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Agency - Fair Work Building and Construction

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Question

FWBC - Police action

CHAIR: And I know you have to be elsewhere, Senator Cameron, so off you go. That being tabled, you are aware of Justice Tracey's judgement. I continue to quote: 'John Setka told me to leave, he told me to shut up, he swore at me repeatedly, kept telling me to shut up, and I said to him, "You're holding me against my will. This is a hostage situation," and he again told me to shut up, and, if I didn't shut up, that he would shut me up permanently. I took that as a personal threat on his part.' The court case found that this brutal assault by John Setka occurred during that Grocon dispute. Are you aware of whether this matter has been referred to police?

Mr Hadgkiss: Police were present throughout the blockade, Senator. That is all I know.

CHAIR: You do not know whether the matter itself has been referred to the police?

Mr Hadgkiss: Whether they took action in respect to this or not, I will take that on notice. But I believe no action was taken in respect of this. I have no knowledge of any action being taken by Victoria Police, no.

Answer

FWBC is not aware whether or not this matter was referred to police.