

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

**Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004187**

**Senator McKenzie asked on 30 May 2017 on proof Hansard page 110**

#### **Question**

##### **ABCC - CFMEU - cost of legal proceedings**

Mr Hadgkiss: Sorry, they took it to the full court of the Federal Court—'they' being the CFMEU—and we have appealed the decision of the full Federal Court, and the Solicitor-General now has carriage of our appeal.

CHAIR: Do we have any idea of what taking it to that level will have cost—them, not you?

Mr Saeedi: No, unfortunately not.

Mr Hadgkiss: We can take that on notice.

#### **Answer**

The ABCC is not aware of the commercial arrangements under which the CFMEU engages its legal representatives or the fees charged to the CFMEU.