

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. EMSQ17-004192

Senator Cameron asked on 30 May 2017 on proof Hansard page 120

Relates to previous Employment Question No EMSQ17-001509

Question

ABCC- details of business trips

Senator CAMERON: Taking you to the answer ENSQ17-001509, can you confirm how many nights' accommodation were claimed for each of the eight trips?

Mr Hadgkiss: It would have been the evening before the function and the evening after, and on all occasions I travelled at the weekend, in my own time, back to Melbourne. No reimbursement was sought for that period.

Senator CAMERON: Each of the trips included a Friday and Saturday night—is that correct?

Mr Hadgkiss: Whichever preceded the nights. But, as I think was also pointed out, it was not just to attend those listed functions; there were other meetings, particularly with staff, briefings et cetera.

Senator CAMERON: So what other business activities were undertaken?

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

Senator CAMERON: Where was this activity recorded?

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice.

Senator CAMERON: Was it in your Outlook calendar or your personal diary?

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice.

Answer

Mr Hadgkiss' travel was claimed in accordance with Tier 2 of the Remuneration Tribunal's Determination: Official Travel by Office Holders.

Given the recent threats to the Commissioner, the ABCC staff, and their families, provision of detailed information in response to this question may compromise the safety and privacy of the Commissioner and his family, as well as those the Commissioner conducts business with.