

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EM0015_14

Senator Cameron provided in writing.

Question

FWO - Relationship with FWBC

The newly appointed director of the Fair Work Building Inspectorate, Mr Nigel Hadgkiss, advised the Committee on Thursday, 21 November that he intended focusing on "elements of breaches of the Act, discrimination, freedom of association, coercion, adverse action, which was core business (for the former ABCC)". The Committee was advised that a memorandum of understanding would be developed between the FWBC and the FWO that would see the FWO investigating sham contracting and other wage and entitlements matters for employees in the building and construction industry. 1. Has the FWBC contacted the FWO in relation to this change of policy by the FWBC? If so, when? 2. Can you provide copies of all correspondence between FWO and FWBC in relation to the transfer of investigations on sham contracting and other work entitlements in the building and construction industry to the FWO?

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman received a letter from Mr Nigel Hadgkiss on 30 October 2013 and responded on 18 November 2013.

Copies of this and subsequent correspondence between the Fair Work Ombudsman and Fair Work Building and Construction are attached.