

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Agency - Fair Work Building & Construction

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Question

FWBC - Trade Unions in the construction industry

Senator CAMERON: Mr Hadgkiss, did you ever advise Assistant Commissioner Fontana that trade unions in the construction industry use outlaw motorcycle gang members for debt collection? Did you or any of your officers advise either Mr Fontana or any of the Victorian police in that matter? Mr Hadgkiss: As I said, I have not met Mr Fontana for several years. It would have been when I was in the AFP. Senator CAMERON: What about any of your other officers? Could they have advised on that issue? Mr Hadgkiss: I am unable to answer that. Senator CAMERON: Could you make inquiries so we can be sure what is going on? Mr Hadgkiss: Yes. Senator Abetz: I think that photograph showed Mr Meyer wearing a CFMEU jacket. Senator CAMERON: Could you also advise whether anyone in your organisation, including yourself, has advised Commissioner Fontana or the Victorian police that the trade unions in the construction industry use motorcycle gang members as hired muscle for debt collection? Mr Hadgkiss: I will make inquiries.

Answer

No.