Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Agency - Fair Work Building & Construction

Department of Employment Question No. EM1553_15

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Question

FWBC - Trade Union Officials

Senator CAMERON: That is not what I am asking. I will repeat the question: have you or any of your officers ever advised Assistant Commissioner Fontana or the Victorian police that union officials in the construction industry undertake criminal activity, specifically corruption, drug trade, blackmail and extortion? Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice. Senator CAMERON: So you will take on notice whether you have ever advised of this, whether that is advised by telephone, facsimile, correspondence or email by you or any of your officers. You will take that on notice and you will come back to us. Mr Hadgkiss: I will.

Answer

FWBC has referred alleged criminal matters to Victoria Police for investigation. Some of these referrals have related to CFMEU officials.

Referrals are made using a variety of channels, including telephone, written correspondence and email.