

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Fair Work Building & Construction

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Question

FWBC - Standing arrangements with law enforcement agencies

Senator CAMERON: I want to move on to another area, Mr Hadgkiss. Does the Fair Work Building and Construction commission have any standing arrangements with law enforcement agencies such as the Victorian police whereby the FWBC is able to obtain criminal and/or conviction history records of individuals? Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice. Senator CAMERON: You don't know? Mr Hadgkiss: I said I will take that on notice, Senator. At the moment we have a CFMEU official, for instance, before the commission for failing to disclose a criminal conviction when he applied for his permit. As to the circumstances in which we obtained details of that criminal conviction, I would have to talk to my legal people.

Answer

It is a function of the AFP at 8(1)(bf) of the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979* to provide police services and police support services for purposes of assisting, or cooperating with, an Australian or foreign government regulatory agency.

FWBC has access to records, in line with all Australian or foreign government regulatory agencies, and consistent with the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979*.