

**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. EM1559\_15**

**Senator Cameron asked on 23 October 2014 on proof Hansard page 81 & 82**

**Question**

**FWBC - Obtaining criminal histories**

(p81) Senator CAMERON: Did the Fair Work Building Commission obtain a Mr Luke Collier's criminal history from the Victorian police? Mr Hadgkiss: I do not know. From memory, New South Wales police are the custodians of criminal histories. Senator CAMERON: Did you obtain it from the New South Wales police? Mr Hadgkiss: I would imagine so. From my recollection, they are the only repository of criminal histories throughout Australia. Senator CAMERON: Did you submit a formal application? Mr Hadgkiss: Again, how our lawyers obtained that information and placed it before the commission I will take on notice and provide that.

(p82) Senator Abetz: But I trust you believe it is a good thing that, when people try to hold themselves out in the community with responsible positions given to them under legislation, any criminal past should be ventilated prior to determining whether people are given these special powers under legislation. Senator CAMERON: Can you then take on notice— Senator Abetz: No response. Senator CAMERON: Your evidence is that you would have got it from the New South Wales police? Mr Hadgkiss: I do not know where, I am sorry. I said I would take it on notice. Senator Abetz: We will take it on notice.

**Answer**

The criminal records of Luke Collier were provided to the agency by the Australian Federal Police in accordance with the legislation outlined in EM1558\_15.

It is noted that while this information was provided by the AFP, all of Mr Collier's convictions were determined by a court of law and the decisions are on the public record