

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

#### Agency - Fair Work Building and Construction

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000304

Senator Cameron asked on 22 October 2015 on proof Hansard page 103

#### Question

##### FWBC - Investigation of Biglift cranes

Senator CAMERON: Was Mr Shatz the only employee of Big Lift who was investigated?

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice.

Senator CAMERON: How many other employees of Big Lift were sent a request to attend an interview?

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice.

Senator CAMERON: Did any of them respond to requests to attend interviews?

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice.

Senator CAMERON: Why did it take four months for the request for interview to be sent?

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice.

#### Answer

Mr Schatz was one of a number of individuals determined to be a person of interest in the investigation. Eight other employees engaged by the company were sent a request for interview letter. Only one employee responded, and they declined to be interviewed.

The timing of sending of the requests for interview was impacted by Big Lifts' failure to voluntarily supply business records requested by FWBC on numerous occasions. A request for records or documents was sent to the company pursuant to s712 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* formally requesting the records. The employee details were eventually provided to FWBC on 26 June 2015.