

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. EMSQ15-000306

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Question

FWBC - Application from deputy commissioner of taxation regarding Biglift

Senator CAMERON: Is the fair work building commission aware that the deputy commissioner of taxation made an application to the Supreme Court of New South Wales for an order to wind up Big Lift and notified ASIC of the application 12 days before the fair work building commission sent a letter to Mr Shatz requesting him to attend an interview?

Mr Hadgkiss: I am not aware of that.

Senator CAMERON: Will you take on notice?

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take your word for it. I have no reason to disbelieve what you are saying is true.

Senator CAMERON: No, I am asking if you were aware, so can you—

Mr Hadgkiss: I am not aware.

CHAIR: He has answered the question.

Senator CAMERON: But if you do not know the case, someone in—

Mr Hadgkiss: Exactly, Senators. I will take your word that is what the deputy commissioner of taxation—

CHAIR: There is actually a lot to step through there, Senator Cameron

Senator CAMERON: I am asking: was any officer dealing with this case aware? Not you specifically—any officer.

Mr Hadgkiss: By the sound of it, there was an investigator Fitzjohn, I think you read out. I assume that was the officer who dealt with this matter.

Senator CAMERON: I am asking you to provide me details of whether he knew or you knew or the commission knew.

Mr Hadgkiss: I do not know, but I will take on notice whether he knew.

Senator CAMERON: Not just him—any other officer in the commission. Any officer, not just him.

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice.

Answer

Neither FWBC or any of its officers dealing with the case were aware of the application made by the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation before writing to Mr Shatz.