

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Agency - Fair Work Building and Construction

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000888

Senator Paterson asked on 19 October 2016 on proof Hansard page 116

Question

FWBC - False declaration to a Commonwealth authority

Senator PATERSON: Making a false declaration to a Commonwealth authority is a criminal offence under the Commonwealth Criminal Code. Who made the declaration in Mr Collier's application that falsely claimed he did not have any relevant criminal convictions to declare?

Mr Vallence: I do not think we have that information to hand, but I can take it on notice.

Senator PATERSON: Okay. Are you aware of whether any follow-up action has been taken in relation to this person who made the false declaration?

Mr Vallence: I am not aware, but I can take that on notice.

Senator PATERSON: Can you also take on notice whether the matter has been referred to the relevant authorities.

Mr Vallence: Yes.

Answer

1. David Hanna, who was the Secretary of the Queensland Branch of the Builders' Labourers' Federation and Luke Collier.
2. In evidence given to the Committee on 22 October 2015, the Fair Work Commission advised the Committee that matters concerning the non-disclosure of Mr Collier's criminal history in his entry permit application by Messrs Hanna and Collier was referred to the Australian Federal Police on 24 March 2015.
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