

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS – OCTOBER 2016

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government entities and prescribed private sector organisations, by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and statutory compliance inspections and reporting.

Topic: Fair Work Building Construction

Senator: Senator Abetz

Question reference number: 67

Type of question: FPA Committee – 17 October 2016

Date set by the Committee for the return of answer: 2 December 2016

Senator ABETZ: It does have some issues, and I would agree with that. When did the Ombudsman undertake its first review?

Mr Neave: We will take that question on notice to be sure, but my assumption for the purposes of discussion right now, subject to us taking that question on notice, would be 12 months later. After June of the first year during which we undertook that function.

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Question:

Senator ABETZ:

Questions relating to your oversight of the FWBC and its compulsory powers:

1. When did the Ombudsman undertake its first review?

Answer:

1. The Commonwealth Ombudsman undertook the first review of an examination conducted by the Director, FWBC on 13 September 2012.

The relevant documents to conduct this review were provided by FWBC to the office, on 26 July 2012 and the examination itself was conducted on 18 June 2012. As the review was conducted in the 2012-13 financial year, the findings of this review were reported in the 2012-13 Annual Report, tabled in Parliament in November 2013.