

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Senator Collins asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2015:

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Did the process for the execution of the CFMEU ACT warrant differ from that adopted in relation to, for instance, the Jackson-Lawler warrant in any material way?

Cmdr Ney: There are two very different pieces of legislation. I have to be very cautious in terms of how I describe either of those given that, first of all, the Jackson matter is obviously a continuing and ongoing investigation, and the CFMEU ACT search warrant is actually the subject of hearings that commenced yesterday and are ongoing today in the ACT Supreme Court. Given that those matters are before the court at the moment, I am just wondering whether we might be able to take those kinds of questions on notice.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The ACT warrant was executed in accordance with ACT legislation, and the "Jackson-Lawler" warrant was executed in accordance with Victorian and New South Wales Legislation. As both matters are part of ongoing investigations, it would be inappropriate to comment further.