

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

#### **Agency - Fair Work Building and Construction**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000178**

**Senator Cameron asked on 12 February 2016 on proof Hansard page 63**

#### **Question**

##### **FWBC - Legal services expenditure**

Senator CAMERON: What has been FWBC's legal services expenditure defending applications for judicial review of decisions in the code-of-conduct related matters since 21 December 2015?

Mr Corney: I think we indicated in respect of the Judicial Review Act matters it is in the order of \$51,000, from memory. That was as at the reporting date.

Senator CAMERON: Was that to when? December?

Mr Corney: That would have been until December. It was in that order. Clearly we can confirm. It was of that sort of order to that time as I recall.

Senator CAMERON: So 51 grand on those code-of-conduct issues.

Mr Corney: Let us be clear. I am talking about the Judicial Review Act matters in the Federal Circuit Court.

Senator CAMERON: Yes, that is the judicial review.

Mr Corney: That is right, but you then said 'code of conduct' and I wanted to ensure there was—

Senator CAMERON: It is not all code of conduct; there are other matters associated with this, aren't there, or is it simply code of conduct?

Mr Hadgkiss: The word 'code of conduct' matters. These are judicial reviews of administrative action taken against the two individuals.

Senator CAMERON: Okay. I am asking for updated expenditure on those matters. How much have you spent since 2 December?

Mr Corney: I have no figures on that since that time.

Senator CAMERON: So just give me the total amount.

Mr Corney: We will take that on notice and provide it.

#### **Answer**

As at 31 January 2016, \$26,056.84.