

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-001479

Senator Cameron asked on 02 March 2017 on proof Hansard page 34

Question

FWO - Details of attendance at union events

Senator CAMERON: Can you provide details of what union events you have attended, what information you have provided and has the situation, that dreadful situation for apprentices, improved?

Ms McAlary-Smith: Certainly I can take that on notice.

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO) engages with unions across a range of work. The Campaigns team met with the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) in 2014 and the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association (SDA) in 2015. As part of stakeholder engagement for the National Building and Construction Industry Campaign 2014-2015, the FWO wrote to the:

- Communications, Electrical and Plumbing Union of Australia (CEPU);
- CFMEU;
- Plumbing Trades Employee Union (PTEU); and
- Electrical Trades Union (ETU).

As part of the National Compliance Monitoring program 2015-2016 and the National Apprenticeship Campaign 2015, the FWO wrote to the:

- Australian Manufacturing Workers Union;
- CFMEU;
- SDA;
- CEPU;
- ETU;
- Australian Workers Union (AWU); and
- United Voice.

Refer to EMSQ17-001480 for information about compliance rates for audits of apprentice wages and conditions.