

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission

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Question

ABCC - meeting travel fares

Senator CAMERON: I assume if you travelled interstate to any of these meetings that there would be records of that for fares paid?

Mr O'Keeffe: We will have to go back and match manually the records from Connect to other manual records. We will have to sit down and go through with Mr Hadgkiss what information he has available so that we can patch it together. We would also look towards where we have collected any information in our case management system and see if there is any information there. We would see if it is reported in the annual report. A lot of information for our annual report comes out of our AIMS system, which is our case management system, so we would look there. So I think there would be a number of sources. But I would need to take this on notice. I would need to talk to Mr Hadgkiss and see where we could find the records to patch them together.

Answer

The Commissioner ordinarily does not travel for the sole purpose of giving a presentation or attending a meeting. Generally interstate travel would combine several business activities such as meetings, staff engagement in regional offices, Senate Estimates hearings, Audit Committee meetings and presentations.

The agency holds records of the cost of travel undertaken by staff for business purposes.