

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Agency – Australian Building and Construction Commission

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Question

ABCC - Support Staff at Audit committees

Senator CAMERON: Mr Hadgkiss, what are they there for?

Mr Hadgkiss: To provide support to me and to the audit committee.

Senator CAMERON: What type of support?

Mr Hadgkiss: Writing of minutes. They attend the audit committee. We keep minutes of the meeting. They brief the audit committee on matters pertaining to audit.

Senator CAMERON: We will go from a situation where no-one travelled with you.

Mr Hadgkiss: I think the chief operating officer may on occasions have accompanied me to audit committee meetings.

Senator CAMERON: I would not consider him junior staff, would you?

Mr Hadgkiss: I am correcting the record. He is an SES officer, yes.

Senator CAMERON: Can you provide on notice how many people travel to these audit committees? For any travel that they do to accompany you, can you provide on notice the exact details of what they do with you when they go there; how much it costs to have them travel; what accommodation is involved; and if there are any meals involved? Can that be done?

Mr Hadgkiss: Yes.

Answer

There are no ABCC staff members that travel to Audit Committee meetings for the purpose of accompanying the Commissioner. Those staff members that attend Audit Committee meetings do so either as a member of the Committee, or as support staff to the Committee.

The details of non-SES individuals who routinely travel to Sydney to attend Audit Committee meetings are:

APS classification	Role at Audit Committee
EL2	Member of Audit Committee
EL2	Support to Audit Committee - corporate governance, corporate planning, parliamentary
EL1	Support to Audit Committee - specific risk items
APS 4	Secretariat support (including minute taking)

Non-SES staff are entitled to accommodation up to the cost of \$185 per night in Sydney. Meals and incidental allowances are up to \$120 per full day including an overnight stay.