

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Agency - Fair Work Building & Construction

Department of Employment Question No. EM0583_15

Senator Cameron provided in writing.

Question

FWBC - FWBC Inspectors in South Australia

According to FWBC's April 2014 Industry Update, FWBC reported that it had flown additional FWBC inspectors into South Australia. How many FWBC investigators are based in South Australia? How many investigators did FWBC "fly into South Australia" as reported in the April 2014 Industry Update? Where are the investigators who were flown into South Australia usually based? Where were they flown into South Australia from? On what date/s did they fly to South Australia? On what date/s did they return to their normal work bases from South Australia? What class of airfare was provided? How were they accommodated in South Australia? What was the total cost of airfares? What was the total cost of accommodation and incidental expenses? What was the total cost of flying the FWBC investigators into South Australia? How many investigations into alleged breaches of designated building laws have commenced which are direct results of flying investigators into South Australia? What is the precise nature of each of the alleged breaches under investigation, if any?

Answer

How many FWBC investigators are based in South Australia?

Four investigators and one State Director who is also appointed as an inspector.

How many investigators did FWBC "fly into South Australia" as reported in the April 2014 Industry Update?

Eight

Where are the investigators who were flown into South Australia usually based?

Western Australia and New South Wales

On what date/s did they fly to South Australia? On what date/s did they return to their normal work bases from South Australia?

Arrival and departure was between 4 April 2014 and 13 May 2014

What class of airfare was provided?

Economy Class

How were they accommodated in South Australia?

In accommodation in line with FWBC Finance Direction 15.

What was the total cost of airfares?

\$8136.21

What was the total cost of accommodation and incidental expenses?

\$11,482.58

How many investigations into alleged breaches of designated building laws have commenced which are direct results of flying investigators into South Australia?

Forty-seven investigations commenced which relate to the activities of a number of local and interstate CFMEU officials attending construction sites in South Australia.

What is the precise nature of each of the alleged breaches under investigation, if any?

They all relate to alleged breaches of part 3-4 Fair Work Act 2009.

As a direct result of these investigations FWBC has already launched four cases against the CFMEU and its officials in the Federal Court after ten officials allegedly breached Right of Entry laws whilst entering several Adelaide construction sites.