

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

#### Agency - Fair Work Building and Construction

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000272

Senator Cameron asked on 22 October 2015 on proof Hansard page 80

#### Question

##### FWBC - Details of Director's visits to Tasmania

Senator CAMERON: Mr Hadgkiss, how many times have you visited Tasmania since you were appointed director?

Mr Hadgkiss: Twice, I believe.

Senator CAMERON: What were the purposes of the visits?

Mr Hadgkiss: To visit the office, from memory to speak with the Master Builders Association.

Senator CAMERON: When you say 'visit the office', what does that mean?

Mr Hadgkiss: We have an office in Hobart—

Senator CAMERON: Like a PR exercise?

Mr Hadgkiss: Yes—as CEO it is incumbent upon me to interact with my staff.

Senator CAMERON: When did those visits occur?

Mr Hadgkiss: I would have to take that on notice to give you the exact detail.

Senator CAMERON: Which locations did you visit?

Mr Hadgkiss: Hobart, from memory, and I also went to Northern Tasmania.

Senator CAMERON: Whereabouts in Northern Tasmania?

Mr Hadgkiss: Devonport, from memory.

Senator CAMERON: Why Devonport?

Mr Hadgkiss: I visited Senator Lambie. I briefed Senator Lambie.

Senator CAMERON: What was the duration of each of your visits?

Mr Hadgkiss: From memory it was 24 hours.

Senator CAMERON: Twenty-four hours each time. Were you accompanied by other Fair Work Building and Construction staff, based either in Tasmania or elsewhere?

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice. I do not recall.

Senator CAMERON: You do not even know if you went to Devonport on your own? Are you serious?

Mr Hadgkiss: With Devonport I was accompanied by a junior officer; to Hobart, from recollection, I went on my own. But I will take it on notice to be more exact.

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Senator CAMERON: Can you provide, then, the total cost of each visit by Mr Hadgkiss?

Mr O'Keeffe: Yes, I will take that on notice.

Senator CAMERON: I want itemised tax invoices for each hotel Mr Hadgkiss stayed in, with the cost of each Fair Work building commission employee who accompanied him. Mr Hadgkiss, you flew to Tasmania on your own?

Mr Hadgkiss: As I say, I will take that on notice. For the first time, I may have been on my own. There may have been one other member. I do not recall.

Senator Cash: In all fairness, Mr Hadgkiss has said he will take the question on notice.

CHAIR: He has taken that on notice.

## Answer

Personnel	Trip Date	Destination	Costs
Nigel Hadgkiss	18–19 June, 2014	Hobart	Airfares \$423.86
			Taxis \$51.28
			Travel Allowance \$283.00
			Motor Vehicle Allowance \$60.80
			Total \$818.94
FWBC Officer	18–19 June, 2014	Hobart	Accommodation \$205.00
			Airfares \$444.07
			Travel Allowance \$102.00

Personnel	Trip Date	Destination	Costs
Nigel Hadgkiss	12–13 April, 2015	Devonport/Burnie	Accommodation \$154.00
			Airfares \$637.15
			Travel Allowance: \$206.00
			Motor Vehicle Allowance: \$57.76
			Total \$1054.91
FWBC Officer	12–13 April, 2015	Devonport/Burnie	Accommodation \$148.00
			Airfares \$651.40
			Taxis \$201.59
			Travel Allowance \$172.98
Locally (TAS) based FWBC Officer	12–13 April, 2015	Devonport/Burnie	No associated/additional costs

\*As per the Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2015/11, Mr. Hadgkiss is allocated a travel allowance, from which he may pay for his accommodation. As such, Mr. Hadgkiss is not required to file an itemised invoice of his accommodation with the Agency.