Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS—OCTOBER 2016

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government entities and prescribed private sector organisations, by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and statutory compliance inspections and reporting.

Topic: Fair Work Building Construction

Senator: Senator Abetz

Question reference number: 75

Type of question: FPA Committee - 17 October 2016

Date set by the Committee for the return of answer: 2 December 2016

Senator ABETZ: I am being told that there were certain notices—17, 18, 19 and 20—that were simply not reviewed in 2014-15.

Mr Glenn: I do not have that information.

Senator ABETZ: I think I have given you the general flavour with a lot of questions to be taken on notice, and I look forward to the answers. Thank you very much.

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Question:

Senator ABETZ:

Questions relating to your oversight of the FWBC and its compulsory powers:

1. Were notices—17, 18, 19 and 20 reviewed in 2014-15?

Answer:

1. No. Notices 17, 18, 19 and 20 were not reviewed in the 2014-15 financial year. Notices 17, 18, 19 and 20 were reviewed in the 2015-16 financial year and the findings of these reviews will be presented in the 2015-16 annual report. These reviews were not conducted in the 2014-15 financial year as the FWBC did not provide all of the necessary materials to conduct the reviews in the 2014-15 financial year.