

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Agency - Fair Work Commission

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Question

FWC - Commission of Audit survey

Ms Pointon: I have got the name of the survey. It is the corporate overhead survey update: capital and property survey.

Senator CAMERON: Can you table that form?

Ms Pointon: It is in an online electronic form; I will see what we can do to download that.

Senator CAMERON: So you can table it, it is just a matter of getting it in a form for tabling?

Ms O'Neill: We might take that on notice to see if we can and to review it to make sure it is appropriate to do so.

Senator CAMERON: What would be your consideration as to why it would not be appropriate for the Senate to understand what your engagement is with the Commission of Audit? What would be the issue?

Ms O'Neill: It is not that. It is just that I am not personally familiar with the detail of the nature of the questions. I would rather give a considered response by taking it on notice.

Senator CAMERON: You have taken on notice whether you will provide the form. Can you take on notice whether you want to provide the completed form or the form itself? I would like them both. So, I would like the information contained within the form.

Ms O'Neill: I will take that on notice, but as we have indicated, the questionnaire that we have been asked to complete is not tailored to the Fair Work Commission; it is an across-the-board questionnaire.

Senator CAMERON: I think you did indicate that that was the only engagement you have had with the commission of audit. What resources were required to fill this form in?

Ms O'Neill: I would have to take that on notice. I do not have a sense of the scale of the questionnaire.

Answer

Disclosure of these documents could reveal matters that are the substance of Cabinet deliberations.