Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2013-2014

Agency - Fair Work Building & Construction

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Question

FWBC - Surveillance of workers

Has the FWBC undertaken photographic, video or other surveillance of workers or union officials or have they authorised and/or paid or engaged others to do so?

Answer

FWBC has, on occasion, taken photographic and video footage of building industry participants when undertaking investigations into suspected workplace law contraventions. FWBC has never authorised, paid or engaged third parties to undertake surveillance, photography or video footage on its behalf.