

13th April 2010

The Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Environment,
Communications and the Arts
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

Insurance Builders Australia Pty Limited paid all the expenses for three (3) of our employees to undertake the training course and registration with ABSA including police checks and taking out the required Insurance Policy. We have not been able to carry out any assessments as we are still waiting to receive our ID card from ABSA and for our Contract to be processed by DEWHA. This has put financial strain on our Company and leaves us in a position where we are not able to recoup any of these costs as we cannot carry out any assessments.

We understand the number of people applying to become Assessors has exceeded expectations and demand but believe if a full refund of costs was offered to Assessors who have not been able to carry out any assessments, if they choose to withdraw their application would go some way to rectifying this problem and would also help alleviate the financial stress being experienced by many.

We are not able to comment on the other problems regarding delays in payments, reports etc. as we haven't experienced this due to not having carried out any assessments yet.

We also believe home owners should be able to claim the costs of making "green" improvements to their homes as a tax deduction.

We are looking forward to this situation being finalised as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Hugh Doherty
INSURANCE BUILDERS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD

