

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Agency – Australian Building and Construction Commission**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-001496**

**Senator Cameron asked on 02 March 2017 on proof Hansard page 59**

#### **Question**

##### **ABCC - Staff Background**

Senator CAMERON: What are the backgrounds of these 10 people who do the assessments?

Ms Cato: Most of them are lawyers. Some of them are experienced policy officers from the department who have done this for some time. Two of them are experienced investigators who have a good understanding of the work in this area.

Senator CAMERON: So how many are lawyers?

Ms Cato: How many are lawyers? I will take that on notice. The majority of them are lawyers.

Senator CAMERON: So do these lawyers have previous industrial relations experience?

Ms Cato: Some of them have.

Senator CAMERON: How many?

Ms Cato: I will take that on notice.

#### **Answer**

There are six lawyers in the team responsible for undertaking enterprise agreement assessments. Five have past industrial relations experience.