

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES  
**TOPIC:** ACCESSIBLE HOUSING RESEARCH CONSULTANCY  
**REFERENCE:** WRITTEN QUESTIONS

**QUESTION No.AI-84**

**Senator Campbell** asked:

In response to QON No. SBI 86, the Department said that it could not provide information about the completion date for the consultancy on accessible housing research which resulted from a joint tender process between the ABCB and the Victorian Building Commission, because the contract was being managed by the VBC. Surely you can tell us whether the consultancy has been completed or, if not, when it is expected to be completed?

**ANSWER**

The contract has now been completed.

**QUESTION No.AI-85**

**Senator Campbell** asked:

If the consultancy has been completed, has the final report been considered by the ABCB? If so, when was it considered? Are you in a position to provide a copy of the final consultancy report to the Committee?

**ANSWER**

The ABCB Board considered the matter at its November 2005 meeting and decided that, when complete, the final report should be referred in confidence to relevant state and territory bodies through ABCB Board members for consideration because the report contains matters that go outside of the ABCB's domain. This has now been done and the Board will consider the matter again once governments have had sufficient time to consider the report. Until this time, the report remains confidential.

**QUESTION No.AI-86**

**Senator Campbell** asked:

If the consultancy has not been completed, has the ABCB considered a draft report? Can you provide any advice on what has been done so far and what further work is required to complete the consultancy?

**ANSWER**

The contract has been completed.