

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
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TOPIC: DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT ACCESS TO PREMISES
STANDARD
REFERENCE: WRITTEN QUESTION

QUESTION No.SBI-66

Senator Campbell asked:

What is the text of the Minutes of the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) meeting of Thursday, 26 May in relation to any items dealing with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) Access to Premises Standard?

ANSWER

Board minutes are "In-Confidence" and matters associated with disability access represent ongoing policy advice to the Government.

QUESTION No.SBI-67

Senator Campbell asked:

What is the text of the "preliminary advice on the Premises Standard for Ministers' consideration" to Attorney-General Ruddock and Industry, Tourism and Resources Minister Macfarlane, provided after the 26 May Board meeting? Was this "preliminary advice" provided to any other federal, State or Territory Ministers or Departments?

(For mention of "preliminary advice" see Written Question on Notice No.61; Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio, Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 30-31 May 2005)

ANSWER

This is unable to be provided as it is advice to Government on a matter of ongoing policy deliberation.

To the Department's knowledge, the 'preliminary advice' was not provided to any other federal, State or Territory Ministers or Departments. State and Territory representatives on the ABCB were privy to the 'preliminary advice', however they are required to maintain the In-Confidence status of ABCB deliberations and advice.