

QUESTION No.SBI-73

Senator Campbell asked:

Have there been further discussions of the DDA Access to Premises Standard by the ABCB since its meeting of Thursday, 26 May?

ANSWER

Yes.

QUESTION No.SBI-74

Senator Campbell asked:

On what occasions and what is the text of the minuted deliberations of the Board? What has been the outcome on each occasion?

ANSWER

The Board met on 16 September and 25 November 2005. Board minutes are "In-Confidence" and matters associated with disability access represent ongoing policy advice to the Government.

The Board noted progress with the work underway involving additional analysis and research on the Premises Standard.

QUESTION No.SBI-75

Senator Campbell asked:

What is the text of any advice provided by the ABCB to the Attorney-General Ruddock and Industry, Tourism and Resources Minister Macfarlane, subsequent to the "preliminary advice" following the 26 May ABCB meeting?

ANSWER

This information forms part of the Board's ongoing policy advice to Government. It would therefore be inappropriate to disclose any such advice.

QUESTION No.SBI-76

Senator Campbell asked:

Does the latest DDA Premises Standard recommended to the federal Ministers by the ABCB provide equality of access for everyone to public and commercial buildings including workplaces (such as offices), in keeping with the objectives of the DDA?

ANSWER

The Government has previously indicated that any Premises Standard will be compliant with the DDA. Work is continuing to develop policy advice that achieves this goal.