

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
OUTCOME/OUTPUT: Outcome 1, Output 1.2
TOPIC: AUSTRALIAN BUILDING CODES BOARD ACCESSIBLE HOUSING RESEARCH
REFERENCE: WRITTEN QUESTION

QUESTION No.SBI-84

Senator Campbell asked:

On what dates have ABCB meetings discussed accessible housing? What matters were discussed and what is the text of the Minutes of Board discussions in relation to any items dealing with accessible housing?

ANSWER

ABCB meetings have included discussion on accessible housing on 30 August 2001, 30 May 2002, 28-29 August 2002, 28 November 2002, 27 February 2003, 27 November 2003, 16 September 2005 and 25 November 2005.

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

QUESTION No.SBI-85

Senator Campbell asked:

- (a) What applications have been made and/or supported by the ABCB, when and to whom, to conduct accessible housing research?
- (b) What are the dates of the application(s), including the date of stages in a graduated application process, and what is the date at which each of the application(s) were determined to be unsuccessful or the date when the success of the application was determined and the dates when the research was commenced and completed?

ANSWER

- (a) The ABCB made an application to the Cooperative Research Centre for Construction Innovation (CRCCI) on 11 August 2003 to conduct accessible housing research.
- (b) Stage 1 of the ABCB's application to the CRCCI to conduct accessible housing research was made on 11 August 2003. The application was determined unsuccessful by the CRCCI on 28 October 2003 and therefore did not proceed any further.