

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2005-2006 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
16 FEBRUARY 2006
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**OFFICE OF THE AUSTRALIAN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION
COMMISSIONER**

Outcome: Workplace Relations laws are enforced in building and construction industry workplaces

Question Number: W798-06

Question:

Senator Siewert asked in writing:

Is the ABCC allowed to tap telephone conversations or other remote communications including email? If so by what process is authorisation to record obtained? **a)** Is it similar to current obligations placed on the AFP? **b)** Must they obtain a warrant from judge or Administrative Review Tribunal?

Answer:

- Under the *Telecommunications (Interception) Act 1979*, the ABCC is not an agency permitted to obtain a warrant to tap telephone conversations or other remote communications including email.