

**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: W814-06

Question:

Senator Siewert asked in writing:

To what extent is it appropriate for an ABCC Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner to cross-examine counsel and require them to divulge confidential information about their relationship with a client?

Answer:

- Only witnesses can be cross examined. The ABCC does not and cannot examine counsel to require them to give evidence under oath.