

**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: W815-06

Question:

Senator Siewert asked in writing:

Under what circumstances if any is it appropriate for counsel to be forcefully removed from a hearing?

Answer:

- It is an offence to obstruct or hinder a Commonwealth public official.
- If a person refused to leave a private hearing being conducted by the ABCC when directed to do so, they would commit an offence against the Criminal Code.