

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09**

Agency **Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner**

DEEWR Question No. EW1003_09

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

What are the total costs incurred through the use of lawyers for ABCC investigations since it began operation?

Answer

The Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner has provided the following response.

The ABCC does not maintain records on the costs of internal legal staff in relation to investigations. External legal costs incurred by the ABCC total \$10.5 million.