

**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. EW1006_09

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

What are the total legal costs of pursuing and investigating Noel Washington by the ABCC and the Commonwealth Department of Public Prosecutions?

Answer

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

The ABCC spent \$28,400 on external lawyers in connection with the prosecution of Noel Washington. These costs were incurred responding to subpoenas served on the ABCC by Noel Washington.

The Commonwealth Department of Public Prosecutions has informed the ABCC that it spent a total of \$4,744 on external lawyers.