

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

Agency - Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner

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Senator Abetz asked on 10/02/2010, Hansard page 73.

Question

STATISTICS OF DAYS LOST

1. How many working days have been lost in the construction sector for the last eight quarters?
2. How does the construction industry compare to the average days lost in other sectors for this period?

Answer

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

1. 33,000.
2. Working Days Lost per Thousand Employees, Construction and All Industries

	Dec 2007	March 2008	June 2008	Sept 2008	Dec 2008	March 2009	June 2009	Sept 2009
Construction	3.8	2.9	2.0	10.3	4.6	6.1	10.6	6.9
All Industries	2.6	4.6	9.2	3.9	3.3	1.2	5.0	3.1

(Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, March Qtr 2000 – September Qtr 2009, Cat. No. 6321.0.55.001, *Industrial Disputes*).