

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

ABCC - PENALTIES AGAINST EMPLOYERS AND UNIONS

As a result of prosecutions what, in dollar terms is the annual and cumulative amount of penalties against employers and unions?

Answer

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

Prosecutions commenced by this agency on or after 1 October 2005 have resulted in the following annual and cumulative amount of penalties against employers and unions (excluding fines against individuals and union officials, and only counting penalties in the year they were finalised by appeal or, if not appealed, at first instance):

Year	Employers	Unions
1 October 2005 – 31 December 2005	\$0 (suspended: \$0)	\$0 (suspended: \$0)
2006	\$15,000 (suspended: \$0)	\$13,500 (suspended: \$0)
2007	\$50,000 (suspended: \$25,000)	\$118,000 (suspended: \$20,000)
2008	\$0 (suspended: \$0)	\$101,000 (suspended: \$0)
2009	\$55,000 (suspended: \$27,500)	\$327,000 (suspended: \$0)
2010	\$10,000 (suspended: \$0)	\$1,498,500 (suspended: \$0)
1 January 2011 - present	\$0 (suspended: \$0)	\$363,775 (suspended: \$0)
Total Penalties:	\$130,000	\$2,421,775
Total Suspended:	\$52,500	\$20,000
Total:	\$182,500	\$2,441,775