

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission

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Senator Abetz asked on 23/02/2011, Hansard page 80.

Question

ABCC - DIRECTOR OPERATIONS NORTHERN

Senator ABETZ—And has any money been paid to that officer, which is interesting, in compensation for that demotion? Mr Johns—I do not believe so, but I am happy to take the question on notice. Senator ABETZ—If you could, because one assumes there is less remuneration attached to the demoted position. Am I correct in that assumption? Mr Johns—I would need to check. It might have been that he was already at the top of the EL2 band which crossed over in terms of relativities with the bottom of the SES band 1. Senator ABETZ—That is right. Mr Johns—So it might be that there has not been a change. I am happy to take it on notice. Senator ABETZ—If you could. All I want is Director Operations Northern, so the person's name is not unnecessarily put into the Hansard. Mr Johns—Yes, of course. Senator ABETZ—Or, indeed, on any answer you might provide to us. So whether that position has been abolished, the holder of that position has been offered and accepted a position at a lower level, whether that has meant less remuneration and if it has whether any compensation or other payment or other inducement may have been paid to that person to encourage him or her to make that switch.

Answer

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

1. The position of Director Operations North was abolished.
2. There is less remuneration attached to the new position. The officer's total remuneration dropped by \$28,000 as the SES Band vehicle allowance no longer applied to the position.
3. There was no non-salary payment or other inducement paid to the Director Operations Northern to encourage him to make that switch.