

**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 Abetz asked on 23/02/2011, Hansard page 81.

Question

ABCC - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Senator ABETZ—Did this person resign any previous position to take on this new role? Mr Johns—I would have to take that on notice. ... Senator ABETZ—You did not discuss the possibility of this appointment of an Executive Director Public Affairs with the person as a possibility prior to your appointment as Commissioner? Mr Johns—That is not my recollection; I will have to check. Senator ABETZ—If you could take that on notice.

Answer

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

1. I am advised the non-ongoing incumbent in the position was employed on a temporary contract immediately prior to the acting appointment, and gave two weeks' notice to his previous employer in accordance with the terms of his contract.
2. No, I did not discuss the possibility of the appointment of an Executive Director Public Affairs with the person prior to my appointment as Commissioner.