

**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 Cameron provided in writing.

Question

ABCC - Safety Disputes

The ABCC has publicly accused unions of fabricating safety disputes for industrial purposes. In *ABCC v. Stephenson and Anor* [2011] FMCA 1026 the Court found that the safety issue that the union relied on and which the ABCC originally alleged was not genuine, was a legitimate issue. What steps has the ABCC taken to publicise the fact that the court made this finding which was inconsistent with both the case brought by the ABCC and its previous numerous public statements?

Answer

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

The ABCC updated the agency's website to note that the application was dismissed, and prominently displayed a link to the full judgment.