

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission

DEEWR Question No. EW1096_12

Senator Cameron asked on 15 February 2012 , Hansard page 59

Question

ABCC - Provision and cost of legal advice

Mr Johns: Senator, all of these matters were the subject of external legal advice in accordance with our obligations under the legal services directions. We received advice that we had reasonable prospects of success. We formed the view that in the public interest we should commence the proceedings and they were commenced.

Senator CAMERON: Can you take on notice how much you paid for that legal advice, who gave you the legal advice and why it was so bad? Mr Johns: I can take on notice who provided the legal advice and its costs.

Answer

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

The advice was provided by Mr Glen Pauline of Counsel at a cost of \$7,805.75.