

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

**Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0462\_14**

**Senator Lines provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Federal Safety Commissioner**

1. The Government has established a review into the Australian Government Building and Construction OHS Accreditation Scheme. Is the Minister able to provide a guarantee that the review will not diminish the current occupational health and safety standards required for accreditation? 2. The Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Programme may make recommendations about the scheme. How would any recommendations made by the Commissioner impact on the review? 3. Is the Minister confident that industry participants are complying with their occupational health and safety obligations set out in the Building Code 2013?

**Answer**

1. The review into the Australian Government Building and Construction OHS Accreditation Scheme will consider options to modernise and streamline the Scheme and maintain its strong safety record.

2. Any recommendations relating to the Scheme will be taken into account by the Government when considering the outcomes of the Royal Commission.

3. The responsible agencies monitor compliance with the Building Code 2013. No concerns about occupational health and safety performance have been raised with the Department of Employment or with the Minister.