

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS – 2-3 JUNE 2003

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

COMCARE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome: Comcare

Question Number: W050-04

Question:

Senator Carr asked in writing:

Provide a list of investigations into OHS and building related matters of the NGA for which final reports have not been concluded, and give details of the nature of the matters being investigated and the current status of the investigations.

Answer:

- Allegation of Electrical work by Unqualified/Unlicensed NGA Employees. Jason Robinson alleged he was required to carry out electrical work while an employee at the NGA without the relevant qualifications or licence. A Draft Report has been provided to the NGA for comments on errors of fact or to provide any additional information to the investigator to allow the report to be finalised.
- Entry of Fibreglass Insulation Fibres to Galleries at the NGA. This investigation concerns fibreglass insulation fibres being deposited galleries at the NGA. A report is being prepared.
- Alleged Asbestos Exposure to NGA Employees and contractors. Allegation made that a process used to clean up asbestos at the NGA was not appropriate. Investigation commenced June 2003 following initial enquiries at the time of the incident. The investigation is not yet completed.
- Alleged Medium Density Fibreboard (MDF) Dust Exposure – Investigation commenced June 2003 and is not complete. NGA contractors were cutting MDF in the Exhibitions Gallery. There was an allegation that persons working in the Exhibition Gallery were exposed to a hazard as a result.