

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

**2006-2007 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
29TH AND 30TH MAY 2006
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**OFFICE OF THE AUSTRALIAN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION
COMMISSIONER**

Outcome: Workplace relations laws are enforced in building and construction industry workplaces

Question Number: W222-07

Question:

Senator Siewert asked in writing:

Is the ABCC able to co-operate in investigations being undertaken by, or jointly with other agencies? If so, what parameters, if any, limit or determine the sharing of information under these circumstances?

Answer:

There is no provision in the *Building and Construction Industry Improvement Act 2005* for the conduct of joint investigations nor are there any administrative arrangements in place for this to occur.

The ABCC has negotiated Memorandums of Understanding with some Commonwealth and state agencies for information sharing, but only to the extent permitted by the relevant legislation.