

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

**2006-2007 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
29<sup>TH</sup> AND 30<sup>TH</sup> 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:** W223-07

**Question:**

Senator Siewert asked in writing:

Does the ABCC have the power to access records of phone calls made by persons under investigation? If so, under what circumstances?

**Answer:**

The ABC Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner has the power to obtain documents under section 52 of the *Building and Construction Industry Improvement Act 2005* if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the documents are relevant to an investigation.

An ABC inspector has power to obtain documents under section 59 if the inspector believes on reasonable grounds that the documents are relevant to a compliance purpose.

Documents can include telephone call charge records of phone numbers called.