

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome 9

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

The National Building Code is fundamental to the success of the ABCC and the reduction of lawlessness in the Building Construction Industry. In the press release distributed by the Minister for Employment, Education and Workplace Relations there is no reference to the National Building Code and Implementation Guidelines. Is this because the National Building Code and Implementation Code are being abolished?

Answer

No. In its *Forward with Fairness Policy Implementation Plan*, the Government committed to maintaining the existing arrangements for the building and construction industry until 31 January 2010.