

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency **Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner**

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Senator Brandis asked on 2 June 2009, EEWPR Proof Hansard page 62

Question

Of the 103 investigations finalised last year, how many were abandoned and how many proceeded to prosecution?

Answer

The Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner has provided the following response.

The 103 investigations finalised figure records investigations conducted in the ABCC Operations Group that as at 30 April 2009 had been concluded with no further action taken. All 103 did not proceed to prosecution.

In 2008/09 the ABCC conducted 262 investigations:

- 213 commenced in 2008/09; and
- 49 carried over from the previous year.

Of the 262 investigations in 2008/09:

- 154 were closed with no further action taken; and
- 108 are continuing or awaiting internal legal opinion.

During 2008/09:

- 91 investigations were referred to internal legal;
- 32 investigations are being considered for prosecution; and
- 22 proceedings were commenced in the courts and Australian Industrial Relations Commission.