

**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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Question

For each of the following timeframes:

- 1 October 2005 to 30 June 2006;
- 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;
- 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008; and
- 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009.

can you tell me the number of,

- (i) investigations commenced;
- (ii) investigations referred [to ABCC internal legal] for [possible] prosecution;
- (iii) prosecutions commenced; and
- (iv) prosecutions successfully completed?

Answer

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

	(i) Investigations Commenced	(ii) Investigations referred [to ABCC internal legal] for [possible] prosecution	(iii) Prosecutions Commenced	(iv) **Successfully Completed Prosecutions
1 October 2005 to 30 June 2006	72	*	8	6
1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007	143	*	11	5
1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008	113	*	17	11
1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009	213	91	22	15

* On 1 July 2008, enhancements were made to the ABCC's case management system. This included recording the number of investigations referred to internal legal for possible prosecution. The compilation of data prior to that date would involve a manual examination of files. Therefore, the information is not readily available and it would involve an unreasonable diversion of the agency's resources to ascertain such information.

** Some prosecutions commenced have yet to be completed.