

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Agency –Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner

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Senator Cameron asked on 1/06/2010, Hansard page 126.

Question

SHAM CONTRACTING

1. Have any new publications been issued on sham contracting since 10 February 2010?
2. What have you done since then that has resulted in a difference of four investigations that have been referred to the Fair Work Ombudsman?

Answer

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

1. Since 10 February 2010 the ABCC has issued four new publications relating to contracting arrangements in the building and construction industry.

ABCC Industry Update articles:

- March 2010 Edition - *IC Act transition period extended*
- June 2010 Edition - *Independent Contracting – getting it right*

ABCC e-Alerts:

- 9 March 2010 - *Who can help? - Clarifying the roles of the ABCC and the Fair Work Ombudsman*
 - 30 June 2010 - *IC Amendment affects SA, Tas and ACT*
2. The difference in the number of investigations referred to the Fair Work Ombudsman is not due to any particular factor or cause.