

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

INJURIES IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

1. Can you confirm that in the building and construction industry from 2004 to 2007 there was a 25.5 per cent increase in wages against an all-industries average of increase of 15 per cent? Can you please extend that to 2009?
2. Can you confirm that injuries per thousand workers in the building and construction industry have gone from 27.7 per thousand workers in 2003-04, down to 22 per thousand in 2006-07 and 21 per thousand in 2007-08?

Answer

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

1. The figures cannot be confirmed. The Labour Price index compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics shows the following index movements.

Period	Increase in construction industry	Increase across all industries
March 2004 – March 2007	16.45 %	12.36 %
March 2004 – March 2009	27.08 %	21.81 %

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2010, *Labour Price Index*, cat. no. 6345.0, viewed 30 June 2010, <http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/6345.0Main+Features1Mar%202010?OpenDocument>

2. Yes.