

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

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Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission

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Senator Cameron provided in writing.

Question

Sham Contracting

Since the sham contracting inquiry was announced, how many referrals has the ABCC made to the ATO involving suspected contraventions of taxation laws as a result of the use of sham contracting arrangements? Has the ATO provided any information to the ABCC during the course of the sham contracting inquiry?

Answer

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

1. Since October 2010 there have been 11 referrals to the ATO regarding possible breaches of taxation laws.
2. The ATO did not make a formal submission to the Inquiry. The ATO wrote to the ABC Commissioner on 28 February 2011 to outline the ATO's role in relation to sham contracting related matters. The ATO was also represented at all five public roundtables.