

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission

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Senator Abetz asked on 30/05/2011, Hansard page 75.

Question

Newspaper Article - Saturday Age, 2 April 2011

Senator ABETZ: That is a better way of putting it, yes; thank you for that. On 2 April 2011, the Saturday Age had a front page story, 'Hells Angels' extortion bid'.

Senator ABETZ: So you are not investigating this at all. Mr Johns: I will take it on notice, but I understand we are not. As I think I have explained on previous occasions, whenever there is an allegation of a criminal matter and the police are investigating it, we always defer any involvement in a matter to the police.

Answer

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

The ABCC confirms that it has not undertaken any investigation into the matters raised in the media article as the allegations relate to the criminal jurisdiction and are a matter for the Victoria Police to investigate.