

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Agency - ABCC/FWBII

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Senator Abetz asked in writing

Question

ABCC – FWBII Budget

The budget of the FWBI Inspectorate is set at \$30 million. This is considerably less than the \$37 million for the ABCC. Why has the budget been reduced?

Answer

The full year ABCC budget for 2011-12 was \$35.381 million, as per page 358 of the ABCC 2011-12 Portfolio Budget Statements.

The full year Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate (FWBII) budget for 2012-13 is \$31.737 million, as per page 308 of the FWBIIC 2012-13 Portfolio Budget Statements.

This represents a net budget reduction of \$3.644 million.

These savings actually represent funding reductions less than the annual funding surpluses reported by the ABCC since it commenced. In particular, the ABCC had funding surpluses of between \$3.7 million and \$5.5 million for its last four financial years.