

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

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

Agency - ABCC/FWBII

DEEWR Question No. EW0031_13

Senator Abetz asked in writing

Question

ABCC – FWBI Inspectorate

- 1) Will the FWBI Inspectorate encounter costs additional to those of the ABCC?
 - a) If so, please explain.
- 2) What are the estimated likely costs of these expenses?

Answer

Fair Work Building & Construction has provided the following response.

FWBC is likely to encounter some additional expenses.

- Commonwealth Ombudsman oversight of compulsory examinations - \$150,000 in 2012/13, \$100,000 in 2013/14 and \$100,000 in 2014/15
- Administrative Appeals Tribunal oversight of compulsory examinations - \$13,000 in 2012/13, \$13,000 in 2013/14 and \$13,000 in 2014/15
- Fair Work Building Inspectorate Advisory Board - unknown at this stage
- Independent Assessor - unknown at this stage
- Costs of videotaping compulsory examinations - unknown at this stage
- Reimbursing witnesses to compulsory examinations - unknown at this stage.

It is expected that given the historic patterns of expenditure in the ABCC/FWBC, these additional costs will be able to be accommodated.