

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

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

Agency - ABCC/FWBII

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Senator Cameron provided in writing.

Question

ABCC - Sham Contracting

1. What is the status of the ABCC's former 'Sham Contracting Research Committee' and the tender which was awarded by the ABCC for further research into sham contracting in the construction industry?

Answer

The ABCC has provided the following response:

The Fair Work Building & Construction research project into the nature and incidence of sham contracting in the building and construction industry is progressing in accordance with the following table.

The chronology of the relevant milestones is as follows:

Dates	Activity
5 April 2012	TNS Social Research appointed and contract signed
10 April 2012	Researched Commenced
12 April 2012	Development of screener questionnaire
13 April 2012	Screener questionnaire approval
16-27 April 2012	Start recruitment
17 April 2012	Development of discussion guide
20 April 2012	Review by ABCC
23/24 April 2012	Final sign off
25 April – 4 May 2012	Commencing groups
4 May – 6 June 2012	Analysis
7 June 2012	Questionnaire development Workshop
30 June 2012	Scope of research extended to assist participation from people from CALD backgrounds
12 July 2012	Development of tool to determine nature of sham/employment status
23 July 2012	Delivery of the first DRAFT questionnaire
July 2012	Review of the questionnaire
July 2012	Final sign off

August 2012	Approval process (ABS statistical Clearing House)
August 2012	Scripting
August 2012	Pilot survey
August/September 2012	Survey fieldwork
September 2012	Data processing and analysis
October 2012	Reporting
12 October 2012	Delivery of the draft report
26 October 2012	Final report submitted

NOTE: Delivery dates associated with the activities scheduled between 23 July and 26 October are flexible to allow the academic panel and TNS to adequately consider matters arising.