

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION  
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
2 and 3 NOVEMBER 2005**

**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome 2 - Higher productivity, higher pay workplace**

**Output Group 2.2: Workplace relations implementation**

**Output 2.2.2: Industry and Australian government employment advice**

**Question Number: W635-06**

**Question:**

Senator Marshall asked in writing: In the previous Estimates, Mr Kovacic told the Committee that a working group, made up of people from the BIT and Workplace Relations Implementation Group was meeting to prepare for the establishment of the Commission:

- (a) Who comprised the working group?
- (b) How many times did it meet?
- (c) What activities was it charged with undertaking?
- (d) What decisions did it make?
- (e) Does the working group still meet?
- (f) If so, how often?
- (g) What is its responsibility now that the Commission itself has been created by legislation?

**Answer:**

The following answers are provided in respect of Senator Marshall's questions:

- (a) The ABCC Working Group was comprised of staff from the Building Industry Taskforce, Workplace Relations Implementation Group, Financial Management Group, Corporate Group and IT Services Group.
- (b) The ABCC Working Group met 11 times during the period 23 May 2005 to 30 September 2005.
- (c) The ABCC Working Group was responsible for the administrative issues associated with the establishment of the ABCC, including property, IT and communication, recruitment strategies, budget and financial reporting arrangements.
- (d) The ABCC Working Group made decisions consistent with its responsibilities outlined in (c) above.
- (e) No.
- (f) Not applicable.
- (g) Not applicable.