

**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**

**OFFICE OF THE AUSTRALIAN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION  
COMMISSIONER**

**Question Number: W651-06**

**Question:**

Senator Marshall asked in writing:

Can the Commission provide the Committee with a detailed budget of expenditure for the Building Industry Taskforce for 2005/06 and outline transitional funding arrangements between the Taskforce and the Commission (since the BCII Bill passed the Parliament)?

**Answer:**

- \$2.28m was appropriated for the Building Industry Taskforce in 2005-06 to cover operations in the period 1 July 2005 to 30 September 2005.
- Arrangements were made to allow the ABCC to operate using DEWRs outcome 2 appropriations. DEWR also performed the ABCC's treasury (drawdown) payrun and payroll functions.
- Expenditure charged to the BIT budget up until 30 October 2005 was as follows:

Employees	\$1,025,963
Suppliers	\$1,772,747
Depreciation	\$29,007
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,827,710</b>

- On 10 October 2005, \$10m was transferred from Departmental Outputs for DEWR to Departmental Outputs for the ABCC. This allowed the ABCC to commence payments of its own accounts.
- During November 2005 a final reconciliation between DEWR and ABCC will be completed and all expenditure in excess of the initial BIT allocation of \$2.28m will be deducted from the final transfer of funds to the ABCC.