

**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: W653-06

Question:

Senator Marshall asked in writing:

At the previous round of Estimates, Mr Hadgkiss explained to the Committee that a re-tendering process was underway at that time in relation to the panel of external legal advisers engaged by the Taskforce from time to time:

- (a) Can the Commission provide the Committee with an update of how that process is going?
- (b) Has it been completed?
- (c) If so, when?
- (d) If not, when will it?
- (e) If so, what has been the result?
- (f) Which firms are now on the panel that were previously not, and which ones are no longer that previously were?

Answer:

- (a) New panel arrangements for DEWR, including the BIT, commenced from 1 July 2005.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) 30 June 2005.
- (d) N/A
- (e) A panel of 10 firms was selected.
- (f) All previous firms retained. Deacons, Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Sparke Helmore and Harmers Workplace Lawyers were all added to the panel.