

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2008-09 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome **Agency – Office of the Australian Building and Construction
Commissioner**

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Senator Cameron provided in writing

Question

Econtech Report

The ABCC conceded that their involvement in the industry did not account for all of the productivity improvements and cost reductions in the industry. Will you provide details of how much of the productivity improvement in cost reductions in the industry that the ABCC claims responsibility for?

Answer

The Office of the Australian Building & Construction Commissioner has provided the following response.

The Economic Analysis of Building and Construction Industry Productivity Reports of 16 July 2007 and 30 July 2008 find that productivity improvement in the building and construction industry is attributable to the ABCC in conjunction with industrial relations reforms. The impact attributable to the ABCC alone has not been quantified.