

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

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

**DEEWR Question No.**        **EW648\_10**

Senator Cameron asked on 21 October 2009, EEWR Hansard page 92

**Question**

*Use of ABCC powers to resolve safety disputes*

1. Have you initiated an investigation or used the coercive powers, or taken any action under your powers under the Act, based on a line officer of the ABCC making a decision about a health and safety dispute?
2. Can you provide details of how many times the ABCC has sought support and advice from an OHS agency and how this has impacted your decision making about a health and safety dispute?

**Answer**

1. No.
2. The ABCC has sought advice from OHS agencies on 28 occasions. On 16 occasions investigations have been discontinued due to the nature of advice provided by OHS agencies.