

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2010-11**

Outcome/Agency: *Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner*

DEEWR Question No. **EW0587_11**

Senator Cameron asked on Wednesday 20 October 2010 at EEWHR Hansard page 82.

Question

The ABCC's new approach to tackling sham contracting.

What is the ABCC's approach to get that wider more effective approach to sham contracting and what do you see as being required to deal with this effectively?

Answer

The Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner has provided the following response:

The ABCC's compliance program to address sham contracting is presently under development.

On 19 November 2010 the ABC Commissioner announced the design of an Inquiry into and Roundtable about sham contracting.

The design incorporates a discussion paper, a call for submissions and a Roundtable likely to occur in February 2011, to which relevant federal ministers and their departments, state ministers, unions and the ACTU, employer organisations, peak bodies, individual employees and independent contractors, experts in accounting and taxation, labour researchers and members of the community will be invited.

Outside the obvious key stakeholders, attendees will be determined by calling for nominations, pursuant to which interested parties would indicate their interest. If they seek to attend in a representative capacity, they will be required to establish the legitimacy of that capacity.