

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission

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Question

ABCC - Gold coast University Hospital project

Senator ABETZ: It was 24 August 2011. It was entitled 'ABCC assessor subcontractor losses on Brisbane projects affected by industrial action'. I welcome this initiative, because often in these disputes subcontractors, small contractors, pay a very, very heavy price as well. It is in relation to the Gold Coast University Hospital project. It says: If your company has been adversely impacted or suffered a loss ... contact the ABCC. Without mentioning names, have any contacted you as yet? Mr Johns: I would have to take that on notice. Senator ABETZ: Did you also issue this by way of a media release? Mr Johns: I will take that on notice.

Answer

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

As of 3 November 2011, 20 contractors involved on the Gold Coast University Hospital and the Brisbane Supreme & District Law Courts projects have provided information to the ABCC in relation to economic loss.

This followed direct representations from the ABCC to the contractors involved including a letter sent to contractors on 24 August 2011 and the E-Alert.

The E-alert was not issued again under the header of a media release. E-alerts are also sent to media contacts.