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Dear Secretary

**Inquiry Into the government's approach to re-establishing the ABCC:  
Replies to questions on notice**

During the course of today's hearing for the above inquiry, I agreed to provide a range of information via email to assist Senators on various issues, and as questions taken on notice.

Prior to receiving the draft Hansard, we can provide the following in the immediate term to assist the Committee:

Attachment A: The AMMA Opening Statement today (noting I was truncating the written version for time).

Attachment B: AMMA's July 2013 Discussion Paper, *Resource Industry Productivity Analysis and Policy Options*. This is relevant to questions raised by Senators Urquhart and Cameron regarding productivity.

Attachment C: The ABS data and publication details for the Chart "Working Days Lost to Industrial Disputes in the Construction Industry" that appears on p.16 of AMMA's November 2013 submission to the earlier inquiry on the provisions of the *Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013* and the *Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013*. This addresses a question from Senator Back.



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Attachment D: The full terms of reference from the Cole Royal Commission, again addressing a query from Senator Back. As indicated in our oral answer, this shows the referral of any individual matters for prosecution was incidental to, and only one element of, the wider terms of reference for the Royal Commission.

We are also examining the following further questions with a view to further assistance we may be able to provide to the Committee after examining the draft Hansard, and some further research and consideration:

- Senator Back's question regarding industrial claims for employers to pay income protection insurance.
- Senator Cameron's question regarding labour versus capital based productivity in the resources industry.
- Senator Cameron's final question regarding supervision of investigations under the existing legislation and the proposed approach in the *Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013*.

We will also review the submission from Professor Peetz (Submission 8), and consider whether we can further assist the Chair and others who raised it with us.

We thank the Committee again for the opportunity to participate in this inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

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