

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission

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Question

ABCC - Study into industry perceptions of ABCC

Senator ABETZ: All right. Can we turn the page to page 24. I understand you commissioned a qualitative study into industry perceptions of the ABCC. Mr Johns: Yes. Senator ABETZ: What did the initial study find? Mr Johns: I would have to take that on notice. I do not have a copy of the report here with me. Senator ABETZ: Is that on the website? Mr Johns: I do not think it is. Senator ABETZ: If you can take that on notice. How much did it cost? Mr Johns: I will take that on notice. Senator ABETZ: All right. Who undertook the study? Mr Johns: I will also take that on notice. Senator ABETZ: All right. Then also take on notice, I would assume, how broad the study was, whether the tracking study has commenced, what the methodology is, what it will cost and what the purpose of this study is. Mr Johns: I am happy to take those on notice.

Answer

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

The ABCC commissioned two studies. One was qualitative, and one was quantitative.

Both studies were conducted by New Focus Pty Ltd. This firm was chosen through a competitive process endorsed by the ABCC Contract Management Committee in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines.

The qualitative study made findings with regard to industry, union and other stakeholder perceptions of the ABCC, its value to industry and modes of service delivery.

The qualitative study has been completed, at a cost of \$49,910.00 inc. GST.

The quantitative (tracking) study has been completed. The study spoke to 602 industry representatives, employing a standard CATI methodology in accordance with International Standard ISO 20252.

The purpose is to provide a benchmark for tracking the ABCC's performance over time.

The quantitative study cost of \$62,370 inc. GST.

The ABCC has not published the findings of the research.