

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - ABCC/FWBC

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Senator Abetz asked on 13 February 2013 , Hansard page 56

Question

FWBC - Old and new websites

Senator ABETZ: So its predecessor organisation and all its activities are not to be found anywhere now. Why couldn't the old website at least have been maintained in that case? Mr Johns: I am happy to take it on notice, but my understanding is that we were told by DEWR, who is our IT provider, that we couldn't maintain two websites.

Answer

Fair Work Building and Construction has provided the following response:

FWBC's website contains the up-to-date information on workplace relations issues for building industry participants. Where relevant, this content was adapted from the ABCC website.

To leave the ABCC website live raised a concern that some users may not understand that the legacy website was for historical purposes only.

In addition, on 10 May 2012 advice was received from DEEWR that the Department could only host a single HTML page (i.e. with a brief statement that the ABCC had been replaced by the FWBC). The utility of a single HTML page was marginal.

Consistent with APS practice and National Archives of Australia guidelines, FWBC is working with NAA to archive the ABCC website.