

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission

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Senator Cameron provided in writing.

Question

Sham Contracting

When is the ABCC's inquiry into sham contracting scheduled to conclude? Will a report on the inquiry be published? Has the ABCC had regard to any sources of information, other than formal submissions made to the inquiry? If so, what are those sources? Has the inquiry been asked to receive information from any source on a confidential basis?

Answer

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

1. The ABCC is conducting further evidence gathering to gain a fuller understanding of the extent and impact of sham contracting on Australia's building and construction industry. The final report of the ABCC Sham Contracting Inquiry will now be postponed until completion of this research.
2. Yes.
3. Yes. In addition to formal submissions, the ABCC has had regard to discussions at the Roundtable, the CFMEU's report 'Sham Contracting: Race to the Bottom' and the Final Report of the Royal Commission into the Building and Construction Industry.
4. Yes.