

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Revised Australian Government Implementation Guidelines for the National Code of Practice for the Construction Industry

In relation to the Revised Australian Government Implementation Guidelines for the National Code of Practice for the Construction Industry: 1. How will the building and construction sector be strengthened and enhanced by the revised Guidelines? 2. How will productivity be increased? 3. What key performance indicators are in place for the revised guidelines?"

Answers

1. The revised Guidelines support the creation of quality jobs and the growth of the sector by ensuring Government procurement is easier for business and is consistent with the *Fair Work Act 2009* (FW Act), other key legislation governing building and construction sector workplaces, the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, and the Fair Work Principles.
2. The revised Guidelines promote workplace reforms under the FW Act and quality workplace health and safety (WHS) outcomes. These reforms have the potential to increase the building and construction industry's productivity through reducing waste and time lost, creating a more flexible and adaptive workforce, promoting higher standards in WHS, and improving remuneration and working conditions for the workforce.
3. As with previous versions of the Guidelines, the revised Guidelines do not include key performance indicators.