

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

**Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004177**

**Senator Cameron asked on 30 May 2017 on proof Hansard page 87**

#### **Question**

#### **ABCC - Workplace Research Associates tender**

Senator CAMERON: What does Workplace Research Associates do?

Ms Jepson: They have provided us with business administration services.

Senator CAMERON: What has been the cost of this business administration advice?

Ms Jepson: That was \$24,772.

Senator CAMERON: Did that go to open tender?

Ms Jepson: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator CAMERON: Why did you decide to go to Workplace Research Associates? How did they become the company?

Ms Jepson: Again, it was before my time, so I will have to take that on notice.

#### **Answer**

The procurement for services was estimated to fall between \$10,000 and \$80,000. A limited tender response was sought via three quotes in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules and the ABCC Finance Directions.

Workplace Research Associates were selected as they represented value for money and had greater expertise to carry out the scope of work.