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Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission

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Question

ABCC - number of companies operating under an award

Ms Cato: Just to correct the record, I do not believe I said there are hundreds operating under an award. I do not have a figure for how many are operating under an award.

Senator CAMERON: Well, what did you say?

Ms Cato: There are many, many companies—

Senator CAMERON: Many, many, many.

Ms Cato: that do operate under an award. I can take on notice the number that have come to our attention, but they only need to come to us if—in the past we have had some come to us if they are interested in doing Commonwealth work and asking us questions, but we do not have full oversight on how many there are.

Senator CAMERON: Can you then advise how many 'many, many' are, in your words.

Ms Cato: I will take that on notice.

Answer

The agency is aware of at least 356 companies operating under a modern award because they applied to the ABCC for a letter of compliance with the Code for the Tendering and Performance of Building Work 2016.