

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

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

#### **Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-001009**

**Senator Marshall provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

#### **Australian Building and Construction Commission - Quote from Mr James Pearson ACCI**

I refer to a quote from the head of ACCI, Mr James Pearson, regarding the Australian Building and Construction Commission where he said:

“For example one of the concerns that unions like to put out there is around safety well it’s time for a fact check. The fact is that the incidence of fatalities is lower following the operation of the ABCC than it was before. That’s something unions don’t like to tell people.”

- Where would Mr Pearson be getting those statistics from, given the Safe Work Australia series doesn’t go back that far?

#### **Answer**

The Government cannot answer questions on behalf of Mr Pearson. The question of where Mr Pearson sources his statistics is best directed to Mr Pearson.