

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency **Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner**

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Senator Cameron asked on 26 February 2009, EEWR Proof Hansard page 29

Question

You have said that you cannot quantify the impact attributable to the ABCC on productivity improvements in the building and construction industry. How do you explain the fact that your 2007-08 Annual Report publishes figures showing the economic impact of the ABCC?

Answer

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

The Econtech reports and various summaries of their findings have adopted a variety of terms to encapsulate the report's conclusions. The terms – ABCC and ABCC & workplace relations reforms – have been used in an interchangeable manner.