Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2011-2012

Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission

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Senator Cameron provided in writing.

Question

ABCC - Former State or Federal Police Officers

How many ABCC inspectors are former state or federal police officers? Does the ABCC have any policy or protocols relating to the interaction of former police officers who are now ABCC inspectors with serving police officers, including those whom the ABCC inspectors knew from their previous employment?

Answer

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

As at 1 March 2012 the ABCC has 18 ABC Inspectors who were former state or federal police officers. This figure represents 20% of the total number of ABC Inspectors.

All ABCC staff are covered by the same policies and are expected to adhere to the same standards, including particularly the APS Code of Conduct and section 65 of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Act 2005.