

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and
Workplace Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission

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Senator Abetz asked on 30/05/2011, Hansard page 83.

Question

Submissions To Sham Contracting Inquiry

Senator ABETZ: Thank you. Can we go back to the sham contracting inquiry, Mr Johns. You initiated a phone call to somebody: was that to praise them for their submission? Mr Johns: It was to ask for the evidence that they were putting up in support of part of their submission. Senator ABETZ: And what part of their submission was that? Mr Johns: I do not recall the specifics, Senator, but I am happy to take it on notice and report back to you on what notes I took of the conversation—if I took notes. Senator ABETZ: If you can tell us what it related to on notice— Mr Johns: I am happy to.

Answer

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

The section of the submission discussed during the telephone call related to the ABCC's capacity to conduct an inquiry into sham contracting.