

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Agency *Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner*

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Senator Cameron asked on 21 October 2009, EEWL Hansard page 87

Question

ABCC Sham Contracting Audit - NSW

1. Were you advised that there was some statistical significance in interviewing 39 participants in the ABCC's NSW sham contracting audit?
2. How long did each sham contracting audit interview take?
3. Were the results of each sham contracting audit interview retained and recorded?
4. Was the assessment of the bona fides of these arrangements made at the level of the inspectors who conducted the interviews or at a higher level?
5. Of the 39 parties interviewed, how many also involved the ABCC speaking to the so-called contractors about arrangements, rather than just a business that engaged them?
6. Were the assessments of the sham contracting audit re-checked or carried out only once?
7. How many of the interviews involved examination of payment (time and wage) records as part of the audit?
8. How much notice was given to participants given that the audit was going to take place?

Answer

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

1. No.
2. 20-60 minutes.
3. Yes.
4. At a higher level.
5. 13.
6. Each assessment received peer review and team leader approval.
7. All.
8. 20 days.