

**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 21 October 2009, EEWHR Hansard page 89

Question

1. Did any officers of the ABCC have contact with the Master Builder's Association about the KPMG Econtech report on industry productivity either before or after the release of the report?
2. If so, what was the nature of this contact, and was the MBA provided with any material by the ABCC arising out of or related to the two previous Econtech reports that were commissioned by the ABCC?

Answer

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

1. Yes.
2. The ABC Commissioner and another ABCC senior officer were informed that the MBA had commissioned KPMG Econtech to conduct the review. This occurred before the release of the report.

After the release of the report the Deputy Manager of ABCC Communications contacted the MBA to clarify the interpretation of a table within the report.

The ABCC did not provide the MBA with any material arising from the two previous Econtech reports.