

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2010-11**

Outcome/Agency: *Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner*

DEEWR Question No. **EW0583_11**

Senator Cameron asked on Wednesday 20 October 2010 at EEWDR Hansard page 79.

Question

Interaction with Western Australian Police.

Could you advise me whether the ABCC officer who received the statement from Sergeant Lee after the meeting was a former Western Australian police officer?

Answer

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

Senior Sergeant Lee did not provide a statement to the ABCC. The statement was provided by Sergeant Thomas of the Karratha Police Station.

The statement received from Sergeant Thomas was taken by a solicitor from Clayton Utz representing the ABCC, in the presence of two ABCC Inspectors.

One of the ABCC Inspectors is a former Western Australian Police Officer and the other is a former Australian Federal Police Officer.

Neither ABCC Inspector had any prior association with either Senior Sergeant Lee or Sergeant Thomas.