

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Agency - Australian Building and Construction Commission**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0749\_12**

**Senator Abetz asked on 19 October 2011 , Hansard page 54**

**Question**

**ABCC - Measure of industrial action**

Senator ABETZ: Are you aware that an important ABS measure of industrial action has climbed to 44 days lost per 1,000 workers for the June quarter 2011? Mr Johns: I am. Senator ABETZ: Is it correct that this is the highest number since the ABCC was established? Mr Johns: I would have to go look back over all of the records. I am happy to take it on notice. It is certainly high.

**Answer**

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

1. Yes.
2. Yes.

The increase is primarily explained by stoppages targeting projects in Brisbane and the Gold Coast, and increased industrial activity at the desalination plant in Victoria.

The ABCC has undertaken investigations and already commenced civil penalty litigation in relation to these.