



FILE NOTE			
Matter name:	ABBTF application for revocation and substitution – A91133		
ACCC parties	Lauren Roy		
Other parties	Bob Hodnett, Skill Hire		
		Date	22/04/2009

Mr Hodnett called to provide an oral submission regarding this matter. Skill Hire is a group training company based in Perth. It is the largest employer of apprentice bricklayers in Western Australia, employing around 120 apprentice bricklayers.

Mr Hodnett submitted that Skill Hire is grateful for the subsidy provided by the Australian Brick and Blocklaying Training Foundation (ABBTF). Skill Hire hires apprentices out to contract bricklayers and in doing so, it receives the ABBTF subsidy of approximately \$1.25 - \$1.30 per bricklayer per hour. The subsidy equates to around \$10 per day and \$50 per week.

Mr Hodnett noted that without the levy, it would not be as cost effective to hire apprentice bricklayers. Mr Hodnett submitted that if the subsidy were to be taken away, there would be an increase in an apprentice's hourly rates and contract bricklayers could hand the apprentice back to the group training company.

Mr Hodnett was informed that a record of his submission would be placed on the ACCC's public register.