



# Building Services Authority

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### **Payment legislation turns five!**

The legislation developed to change the payment culture in the Queensland building industry turns five today, announced General Manager of the Queensland Building Services Authority (BSA).

“In the building industry, payment claims by contractors, subcontractors or suppliers are often disputed by the head contractor, which can result in payments being held up,” said Mr Jennings.

If you have trouble getting paid, the *Building and Construction Industry Payments Act 2004* (BCIPA) may be able to assist you.

“The BCIPA resolves payment disputes quickly through a system of adjudication.

“Since its introduction on 1 October 2004 the BCIPA has achieved great results and is proving to be a quicker and cheaper alternative to the court process,” said Mr Jennings.

In the last five years 2,540 adjudication applications have been lodged under the BCIPA. The value of these claims is \$659,842,565m.

Of the applications decided, the vast majority of claimants have been found entitled to receive all or part of the payment they claimed with \$243,096,497m awarded to claimants throughout the State.

The largest claim was for \$28,742,907m and the smallest for \$110.00.

Mr Jennings said the BCIPA is changing the payment culture in the building industry.

“I urge all workers in the building and construction industry to consider using this helpful tool,” he said.

For more information phone BSA on 1300 272 272 or visit [www.bcipa.qld.gov.au](http://www.bcipa.qld.gov.au).

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