

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy

Department of Employment Question No. EM0837_15

Senator Cameron asked on 2 June 2014 on proof Hansard page 80

Question

Copies of submission

Senator CAMERON: Minister, on my behalf—I cannot speak for the rest of the estimates committee—can you contact the submitters and indicate that I would seek copies of their submissions and ask if they could provide me with copies of the submissions? I have no way of contacting them other than through you.

Senator ABETZ: I have a pretty good idea, given this morning's situation, that there might be the odd submission that you may have been made aware of. Look, allow me to take that on notice and give it consideration.

Answer

After careful consideration of Senator Cameron's request, the Government has decided not to make available the submissions received. As the Minister for Employment stated in the Estimates hearing on 2 June 2014, if submitters wish to make their submissions publicly available, they are free to do so.

At this time, the Government has not yet made any decision on this issue. The Government will make its decision in due course. If the Government decides to propose changes in this area, it will consult widely and Senators will have adequate time to review the proposal, including through the usual Senate Committee inquiry process.