

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency **Workplace Ombudsman**

DEEWR Question No. EW1137_09

Senator Brandis asked on 26 February 2009, EEWHR Hansard page 7.

Question

BRANDIS—On that footing—and without asking you to say what was said—have there been one or more meetings with the minister and her advisers about transitional arrangements?

Mr Wilson—Yes, there have.

Senator BRANDIS—On what dates did those meetings occur? You might need to take that one on notice.

Mr Wilson—That I most certainly will. I am not able to tell you offhand, but there certainly have been meetings—

Answer

The Workplace Ombudsman has provided the following response:

On 20 February 2009, a Workplace Relations Adviser from the Deputy Prime Minister's office attended a meeting of the Workplace Ombudsman's Executive Board.

At this forum, the Adviser provided an overview of the Government's workplace relations policy, including information on the legislative intentions of the Fair Work Bill 2008, assuming its passage. The Adviser also outlined the proposed role of the Fair Work Ombudsman within the new legislative framework.