

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09**

**Outcome/Agency**        **9**

**DEEWR Question No. EW1200\_09**

Senator Fisher asked on Thursday 26 February, EEWWR Hansard page 76.

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**Question**

*Fair Work Australia Establishment Taskforce*

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**Answer**

The key components of the timeframe that the Fair Work Australia Establishment Taskforce is working towards have been publicly announced by the Government. These are:

- Establishment of Fair Work Australia and the Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman on 1 July 2009; and
- Commencement of a specialist building division within the Office of Fair Work Ombudsman on 1 February 2010.

These components are clearly subject to Parliamentary consideration of the Fair Work Bill 2008 and the Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009.

The specifics within that broad timeframe are internal working documents which are under regular review in light of developments with the Fair Work Bill and the Transitional and Consequential Bill. The outcome of the Government's response to the yet to be completed Wilcox review is another factor which will need to be considered by the Taskforce.