

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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Senator Abetz asked on 10/02/2010, Hansard page 144.

Question

THE MINIMUM WAGE PANEL OF FAIR WORK AUSTRALIA

Senator ABETZ—.... are you able to provide us with the list of all the appointees and their background? [the minimum wage panel of Fair Work Australia] Mr Kovacic—Certainly, I can do that.

Answer

The Minimum Wage Panel will be made up of the three specialist part time members together with four other members of Fair Work Australia, including the President.

The three new specialist part time appointments to Fair Work Australia's Minimum Wage Panel are Mr Peter Dwyer, Professor Sue Richardson and Mr John Vines.

Mr Dwyer is a former General Manager of Human Resources at Amcor Fibre Packaging. His previous roles include General Manager of Human Resources at Corrugated Fibre Packaging Division and Group Human Resources Manager at Smorgon Consolidated Industries and Ajax Nettlefolds. His Ministerial appointments include Chairman of the Victorian Printing Industry Training Board and Member of the Standards and Curriculum Council (ANTA).

Professor Richardson is Director of the National Institute of Labour Studies at Flinders University. Her key appointments include Reader, School of Economics, University of Adelaide; Associate Commissioner of the Industry Commission; Member of the Council and Finance Committee, University of Adelaide; Director, Enterprise Investments Ltd; Director, Flinders Technologies; and Director, The Pipeline Authority.

Mr Vines was Chair of Innovation and Business at Skills Australia from July 2006 to the present. He also serves in member/non-executive director positions with a number of companies. He was a Member of the ACTU Executive (1994-2008), Industrial Officer and Chief Executive Officer for the Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers (1981-2008), and Industrial Officer with the Victorian Teachers Union and the Federation of College Academics.