

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Abetz asked on 11/02/2010, Hansard page 116.

Question

MISC - MR BRACKS

Senator ABETZ—Is that report of Mr Bracks publicly available? Has it been put on a website? You told us that it has gone to the stakeholders, which is good. What about the public at large? Ms Taylor—I understand it has not been made public, but I can check whether— Senator ABETZ—Can you take on notice whether it is possible for the committee to have that made available to it. Ms Taylor—Certainly. Senator ABETZ—The minister has now provided that report to the stakeholders. Ms Taylor—Mr Bracks has, yes. Senator ABETZ—Mr Bracks did that? Ms Taylor—Yes. Senator ABETZ—Just so I get the chain right, Mr Bracks provided a draft report to the stakeholders before providing it to the minister? Ms Taylor—No, he wrote to the minister to provide the report to him and then he wrote to the stakeholders saying, 'Here is the recommendation that I have put forward to the minister.' Senator ABETZ—Was that at the same time or was it with the minister's concurrence? I would have thought he was duty-bound to report to the minister. Ms Taylor—Yes. I am not sure of the sequence of events. I will take that on notice to get the exact details. Senator ABETZ—Could you take that on notice? Not much revolves on it.

Answer

Is it possible for the committee to have the report made available to it?

MrBracks' consultations on the automotive industry training advisory arrangements in November /December 2009 resulted in a set of key findings communicated to the Minister for Education by letter.

What was the sequence of events regarding MrBracks' advice to the minister and stakeholders?

On 21 December 2009, following a meeting with the Minister for Education, MrBracks wrote to all automotive industry stakeholders that participated in the consultations and to the Minister for Education formally advising of his recommendation.