

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

**Agency - Fair Work Australia**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0738\_11**

**Senator Abetz asked on 23/02/2011, Hansard page 70.**

**Question**

**DELAYS FOR FWA'S DETERMINATIONS**

Senator ABETZ—Thank you. I will not take that any further. In relation to the lodging of collective agreements, have you received any complaints that sometimes it takes 12 months or longer before a response is received by the applicant as to what Fair Work Australia's determination is? Mr Lee—I would have to take that on notice as to whether we have had any of that order.

**Answer**

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response.

Fair Work Australia has received one complaint from Hon Ian Macfarlane MP writing on behalf of Mr Clifford, Clifford Gouldson Lawyers. The complaint was addressed to Senator Chris Evans and claimed that it can take up to 12 months before a response is received in relation to lodging collective agreements. The letter was referred to Fair Work Australia on the 23/2/11.