

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

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

Agency - Fair Work Australia

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Senator Abetz asked on 23/02/2011, Hansard page 75.

Question

Senator ABETZ—Alright. Specifically, can you take on notice an incident that has been reported to me— and I do not know about its veracity or not—on 24 October 2010, where it is alleged that the associate of Senior Deputy President Acton asked at least three people in the public gallery for their name, address, occupation and employer. These people resisted, but the information was demanded and it was then reluctantly provided. Mr Nassios—Would you know the type of matter it may have been? Senator ABETZ—No, other than 24 October and Senior Deputy President Acton. I assume he was—he, she? Mr Nassios—She. Senator ABETZ—Yes, I was thinking it was a ‘she’ when I said ‘he’. She would not have been in too many places on that day, so hopefully you can identify— Mr Nassios—I would have to take it on notice.

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response.

No proceedings took place before Senior Deputy President Acton on 24 October 2010 (being a Sunday). The Senior Deputy President’s associate is not aware of any proceedings in which she has so dealt with persons in the public gallery.