

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

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

**Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations**

**DEEWR Question No.EW1017\_11**

**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

***SAFE RATES, SAFE ROADS - 'THE MORE YOU PAY A DRIVER, THE SAFER THEY BECOME'***

Is the Minister willing to accept any views that differ from the principle of 'the more you pay a driver, the more safer they become'?

**Answer**

The purpose of the *Safe Rates, Safe Roads* Directions Paper was to seek feedback from key stakeholders, including industry, state and territory governments and the community, on the options canvassed in the Directions Paper. These options built on previous work undertaken by the National Transport Commission, which found there was a link between how truck drivers are paid and poor safety outcomes. The feedback received will inform the Government's consideration of its response to the NTC's recommendation as set out in the 2008 National Transport Commission Report, *Safe Payments: Addressing the underlying causes of unsafe practises in the road transport industry*.