

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

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

Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations

DEEWR Question No.EW1027_11

Senator Abetz asked on 23/02/2011, Hansard page 125.

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No [EW0607_11](#) and [EW0203_11](#)

Question

Representation for the inclusion of superannuation under GEERS

Senator ABETZ—Yes. I was putting to you last time that it was only from the trade union movement, as I recall. I said: In response to question 203, you say that unions and other stakeholders have made representations in relation to the inclusion of superannuation. Can you provide on notice a list of those stakeholders and the nature of their representation? I agree that telling us about the nature of the representations may well have been a huge use of resources, I accept that, but just naming who some of those stakeholders might have been, other than the trade unions, I would have thought would have been a helpful response, and you have not named any other stakeholder other than trade unions.

Mr Kovacic—If you would like us to go away and get two or three examples of each of those sorts of stakeholders referred to in the second paragraph, I am prepared to take that on notice, but in terms of doing a forensic search around all of the representations.

Senator ABETZ—I accept that. But I am continually told ‘a variety of stakeholders’ and when I ask you name unions. I then put it on notice and we are told ‘a variety of stakeholders including’, and then once again we just get a list of unions. So if you can take that on notice again I would be much obliged.

Mr Kovacic—All right.

Answer

As previously advised the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations receives representation regarding superannuation and the General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme (GEERS) from a variety of stakeholders. Some examples of the different types of stakeholders have been provided below.

- A former employee of Meridian International Hotel School Pty Ltd.
- A former employee of Frontier Carpet Mills Pty Ltd.
- The Hon Greg Hunt MP, Member for Flinders, on behalf of a constituent.
- The Hon John Murphy MP, as the then Member for Lowe, on behalf of a constituent.
- The Toongabbie SEC of the Australian Labor Party.

- The Belmont Branch of the Australian Labor Party.