

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0889\_12

**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

***Appointment of President of Fair Work Australia***

1. How many people were on the shortlist provided by the Department? a. Please provide a breakdown – by category – of each person shortlisted. 2. How many people expressed interest in the position? 3. How many people made it to the interview stage? 4. Who sat on the panel to decide on the short-list?

**Answer**

1. Six people were on the shortlist provided to the Minister, all of whom had a legal background.
2. Seventeen expressions of interest were received, with one person withdrawing their expression of interest.
3. Given the caliber of candidates, the panel did not consider interviews necessary.
4. The panel was comprised of Ms Lisa Paul, Secretary, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and Mr Stephen Sedgwick, Australian Public Service Commissioner.