

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

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

Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No. EW0890_12

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Incoming Brief for Minister Shorten

1. Did the Department prepare a brief for the incoming Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations? a. Can the Department provide the Committee with a copy of this brief? b. Has the Minister given any instructions to the department regarding the release of this brief? i. If so, what were these instructions? ii. If not, can the department outline its reasons for refusing to provide a copy of this brief? c. If the Department will not provide a copy of this brief because it contains confidential or sensitive information, can the department provide a redacted copy of this brief?

Incoming Brief for Minister Shorten

Answer

DEEWR has provided the following response.

1. Did the Department prepare a brief for the incoming Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations?

Yes.

a. Can the Department provide the Committee with a copy of this brief?

The Department has published on its website at <http://deewr.gov.au/Department/Publications/Pages/IncomingGovernmentBrief.aspx> a copy of this brief with appropriate redactions of confidential and sensitive information, including personal information, business information, information under consideration by Government, information affecting Commonwealth-State relations and information which concerns Cabinet deliberations.

b. Has the Minister given any instructions to the Department regarding the release of this brief?

No.

i. If so, what were these instructions?

Not applicable.

ii. If not, can the Department outline its reasons for refusing to provide a copy of this brief?

Not applicable.

c. If the Department will not provide a copy of this brief because it contains confidential or sensitive information, can the department provide a redacted copy of this brief?

The Department has published on its website at <http://deewr.gov.au/Department/Publications/Pages/IncomingGovernmentBrief.aspx> a copy of this brief with appropriate redactions of confidential and sensitive information, including personal information, business information, information under consideration by Government, information affecting Commonwealth-State relations and information which concerns Cabinet deliberations.