

**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. EW0905\_12**

**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

**National Workplace Relations Consultative Council**

1. Since 1 January 2010, for each meeting of the National Workplace Relations Consultative Council: a. Date b. Location c. Attendees d. Apologies e. Who called the meeting f. Outcomes of the meeting

**Answer**

The National Workplace Relations Consultative Council (NWRCC) met on 13 December 2010 in Melbourne and on 4 April 2011 in Canberra. Attendees and apologies for each meeting are listed in Table 1.

Consistent with past practice, both meetings were convened by the Hon Chris Evans, then Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations.

Section 5(c) of the *National Workplace Relations Consultative Council Act 2002* states that 'subject to the rights of persons participating in meetings of the Council to report to the persons, bodies and organisations by which they are nominated and to the right of the Council to make announcements that those persons agree are in the public interest, the views expressed at those meetings will be kept confidential'. Consistent with these provisions the Outcomes of NWRCC meetings are not released publicly.

Table 1

<b>NWRCC 112</b>		
Attendees	Minister Chris Evans	Australian Government
	Parliamentary Secretary Jacinta Collins	Australian Government
	Mr Jeff Lawrence	Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU)
	Mr Tim Lyons	ACTU
	Mr Mark Lennon	ACTU
	Mr Peter Anderson	Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI)
	Mr David Gregory	ACCI
	Mr Steve Knott	Australian Mines & Metals Association (AMMA)
	Mr Stephen Smith	Australian Industry Group (AIG)
	Ms Denita Wawn	National Farmers' Federation (NFF)
	Mr Richard Calver	Master Builders Australia (MBA)
Observers		
	Mr Michael Borowick	ACTU
	Ms Susan Hopgood	Australian Education Union (AEU)
	Mr Joe de Bruyn	Shop, Distributive & Allied Employees Association (SDA)
	Dr Ruth Dunkin	Business Council of Australia (BCA)
Guests		
	Ms Ludo McFerran	Australian Domestic & Family Violence Clearinghouse (ADFVC)
	Ms Robyn Dale	ADFVC
Apologies		
	Ms Heather Ridout	AIG
	Mr Graham Harris	ACCI
	Ms Ged Kearney	ACTU
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