

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy

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Senator Boyce provided in writing.

Question

Regulation 144 of 2011 and Regulation 3 of 2012

Given that Fair Work Australia has now written to all affected organisations in Queensland warning them of substantial fines if they do not comply, what is the Departments response to this statement by one of the peak employers in the sector in Queensland “the same government who funds us and who has failed to fully supplement the new wage increases is now going to fine us for non-compliance!!

Answer

In view of the steps taken to inform providers of the Regulations and the assistance available to providers to clarify whether or not they are covered, the department does not agree with the above statement.