

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

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

**Agency - Fair Work Australia**

**DEEWR Question No. EW1063\_12**

**Senator Ronaldson asked on 15 February 2012 , Hansard page 13**

**Question**

**FWA - comment by Ms Carruthers to Mr Pirani**

Senator RONALDSON: So why would Ms Carruthers make that comment to Mr Pirani? Ms O'Neill: Ms Carruthers is not here. I would like to take that question on notice so that we can properly ascertain the situation.

**Answer**

*FWA has provided the following response.*

Ms Carruthers did not, in February 2011 or at any other time, make any comment to Mr Pirani that the Health Services Union National Office investigation was close to finalisation in Feb 2011. In an email dated 23 February 2011 from Ms Carruthers to Mr Pirani, Ms Carruthers states that "FWA has not yet concluded its investigation into the National Office of the Health Services Union under s331 of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009."