

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

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

**Agency - Fair Work Australia**

**DEEWR Question No. EW1067\_12**

**Senator Ronaldson asked on 15 February 2012 , Hansard page 21**

**Question**

**FWA - Mr Williams memorandum**

Senator RONALDSON: Did Mr Williams make any recommendations in those early stages or give in that memorandum any indication of his view on the matter? Ms O'Neill: I cannot answer that for the same reason. Senator RONALDSON: I am not asking what he said, I am asking whether indeed that is what was in the memorandum. Ms O'Neill: I will take that on notice.

**Answer**

*Fair Work Australia has provided the following response:*

The memo sets out Mr Williams' views about the next actions required in the two HSU inquiries as at the date of the memo. The memo therefore contains information about an investigation that has not yet concluded. As the investigation has not concluded, there is a substantial prospect of inflicting prejudice on the investigation, and any subsequent proceedings, by revealing further detail of the content of the memo.