

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

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

Agency - Fair Work Australia

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Senator Ronaldson asked on 15 February 2012 , Hansard page 21

Question

FWA - has Mr Thomson had any contact with Min Evans or Min Shorten's office in relation to inquiry?

Senator RONALDSON: Parliamentary Secretary, can you clarify for me whether Mr Thomson has had contact with anyone in former Minister Evans' office or their staff in relation to this inquiry? Can you also take on notice please whether Mr Thomson has had any contact with Minister Shorten or any of Mr Shorten's staff in relation to the conduct of this inquiry? Senator Jacinta Collins: I will take that on notice.

Answer

Neither Minister Shorten nor his staff have had any contact with Mr Thomson in relation to the conduct of the Fair Work Australia investigations into the Health Services Union.

Neither Minister Evans nor his staff have had any contact with Mr Thomson in relation to the conduct of the Fair Work Australia investigations into the Health Services Union.