

**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. EW1145\_12**

**Senator Abetz asked on 15 February 2012 , Hansard page 116**

**QLD govt supplementation**

Senator Jacinta Collins: Certainly the government has been looking at the Queensland government experience to inform how we may deal with supplementation in the future. Senator ABETZ: So state governments are now going to help subsidise the national case. Senator Jacinta Collins: So it is not fair to say that the government was unaware of provider concerns with respect to the nature of the Queensland government's supplementation. Senator BOYCE: Why were you persisting with the regulation in the House? Senator ABETZ: If you were aware why were you persisting with a line to us that you were convinced that the state government had provided full supplementation? Senator Jacinta Collins: I am sorry, I have not ever expressed that position. Senator ABETZ: No, but the department and the minister's office have. Ms Paul: I am not sure that we have made that assertion either. I would like to check, so I will take that on notice, too.

**Answer**

The department has not asserted that the Queensland Government had provided full supplementation in relation to the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Amendment Regulations 2011 (No. 1)* or the *Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Amendment Regulation 2012 (No. 1)*.