

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

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Senator ABETZ: Is there a go-to person within your department that liaises with Fair Work Australia? Ms Paul: There would be a range of liaison. We can take it on notice, but we would not have had any chance to today. Senator ABETZ: I am not only talking about today. Mr Kovacic: I am happy to take it on notice. Senator ABETZ: If it exists. It may be that the department, as is usually the case, is aware of these things before it finally comes out in public, so the fact that it was only raised this morning is not—with respect—necessarily a cover as to whether or not the department has known about it or whether it has made inquiries as to its existence. Ms Paul: To do the correct thing by you, we will take it on notice.

Answer

There is no departmental officer designated as responsible for liaison with Fair Work Australia. Liaison occurs on a case by case basis, with the relevant departmental officer determined by the issue on which liaison needs to occur.