

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2012-2013

Agency - Safe Work Australia

DEEWR Question No. EW0775_13

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

House of Representatives Committee Report on Bullying

Can a full timeline be provided in relation to SWA's consultation with the Department and the Minister with regard to the House of Representatives Committee Report on Bullying?

Answer

Safe Work Australia has provided the following response:

The House of Representatives Standing Committee tabled its report *Workplace Bullying "We just want it to stop"* on 26 November 2012. The Australian Government released its response on 12 February 2013.

In preparing the Government's response to the recommendations of this report, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) consulted with Safe Work Australia on the following dates:

- 18 December 2012 – Safe Work Australia staff met with DEEWR officers to discuss recommendations relating to Safe Work Australia
- 19 December 2012 – follow up consultation between Safe Work Australia staff and DEEWR staff
- 3 January 2013 – DEEWR consulted the acting Chief Executive Officer and Safe Work Australia staff
- 7 January 2013 – DEEWR consulted the acting Chief Executive Officer and Safe Work Australia staff
- 18 January 2013 – DEEWR consulted Safe Work Australia staff
- 5 February 2013 – DEEWR consulted Safe Work Australia's Chief Executive Officer, and
- 7 February 2013 – DEEWR consulted Safe Work Australia staff.

Minister Shorten's office consulted with Safe Work Australia's Chief Executive Officer about the Government's response on the following dates:

- 26 November 2012
- 17 December 2012, and
- 5 February 2013.