

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2012-2013**

**Agency - Fair Work Commission**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0776\_13**

**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Debate during the Future Directions Conference**

On p.13 of the Hansard Proof, the President said “the purpose (of the conference) was to lift the level of debate amongst individual parties directly”. o Why did the level of the debate need to be lifted? o Please provide examples where the debate was lacking.

**Answer**

*The Fair Work Commission has provided the following response:*

This matter was fully canvassed by the President at the Senate hearings (see pages 12-13 of the Hansard Proof) and the Commission has no further comment to add.