

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

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

Outcome 4 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

DEEWR Question No. EW0793_13

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

DEEWR employment projection for manufacturing

Reference is made to Question on Notice 2537. Does the Government believe that the loss of these positions is possible?

Answer

DEEWR's projection of a decline in Manufacturing employment of 85 600 over the five years to 2016-17 was prepared in early 2012 and was based on the long-term decline in employment in the industry.

More recently, Manufacturing employment has increased (by 14 500 over the year to November 2012). DEEWR updates these projections on an annual basis to take account of more up-to-date information.