

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

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

**Agency - Fair Work Commission**

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**Question**

**Master Builders Association Media Release**

Senator ABETZ: Thank you. Nor have I and nor has the MUA. But unfortunately nor has the Prime Minister, so that is why we have got the name that we have. We have had a release from the Master Builders Association dated 1 February, headed 'Fair Work Commission Flags More Red Tape'. The concern—do you have a copy of that release? Mr Ross: I have a copy of Mr Calver's submission—not with me—to the rule amendments. ... Senator ABETZ: Given that the master builders did this by way of media release, would you be in a position when you respond to the MBA to also respond to the committee on notice as to what the response is? Mr Ross: Look— Senator ABETZ: Take that request on notice as well, because I can understand why— Mr Ross: But can I make this observation: generally I would not, because I am not responding to the media release; I am responding to submissions that have been made directly. I will respond to each organisation that has made a submission. It is a matter for that organisation as to whether or not they want to provide it more publicly.

**Answer**

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

The Commission will respond directly to each organisation that has made a submission.