

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Fair Work Commission

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Question

Legal Services Contract Notice CN1057131

Senator ABETZ: ... Mr President, can I ask you about the legal services contract notice of 27 November 2012, in which a contract for \$18,813.85 was let dealing with the powers of the president? Can you just indicate to us what that was about? Were you seeking more powers, fewer powers or checking up on what powers you did or did not have? Ms O'Neill: Senator, the question is probably best directed to me because I would have been responsible, but I am actually not very able to help you. I would have to take it on notice. Senator ABETZ: It is contract notice CN1057131. If you could just take on notice the specifics of that and what that was about, that would be very helpful.

Answer

The Fair Work Commission has provided the following response:

CN1057131 involved the provision of advice by Australian Government Solicitors in relation to the power of the President to investigate allegations of misconduct by Fair Work Australia members.