

**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. EW0948\_13**

**Senator Abetz asked on 13 February 2013, Hansard page 125**

**Question**

**Drafting of the Fair Work Act - Stakeholder Groups given Access to Legal  
Advice**

Senator ABETZ: That is fine. Let us move on. Can I ask: has any stakeholder group been given or was any stakeholder group given access to legal advice during the drafting of the Fair Work Act by either Ms Gillard or her successors? Mr Kovacic: I would have to take that on notice. Ms Paul: That is going back a while. Mr Kovacic: Yes. Senator ABETZ: All right, if you could, and could you indicate to us to whom, why and under what circumstances that legal advice was made available.

**Answer**

The Department draws to the Committee's attention the Minister's response to the Senate in relation to Question on Notice No. 2650. For the reasons noted in the Minister's response, it would not be appropriate for the Department to provide the information sought.