

**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.** EW0786\_13

**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Agency programme funding**

Has the Minister received any correspondence from agency heads or had agency heads express any concerns since 1 January 2012 about their funding envelopes or the inability to maintain current programmes given funding reductions? If so, please provide all instances.

**Answer**

Ms Bernadette O'Neill, General Manager of the Fair Work Commission (then Fair Work Australia), wrote to Minister Shorten on 7 May 2012 to update the Minister on actions being taken to achieve the savings necessary to operate within its 2012-13 Budget.