

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

**Outcome**            9

**DEEWR Question No. EW118\_09**

Senator Abetz asked on 17 June 2008, provided in writing.

**Question**

*Commonwealth/State Relations Unit*

Under this framework will it be possible for some states to have the option of opting out of the national system? Under the framework could this extend to organisations that are constitutional corporations?

**Answer**

The detail regarding how a national system will be created and maintained is the subject of ongoing discussions between the Commonwealth and the states and territories. However constitutional corporations are and will continue to be covered by the federal workplace relations system.