

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

FAIR WORK INFORMATION CAMPAIGN- SESSIONS

"On the last occasion it was indicated that the focus of the sessions was to initially be on Small Business Dismissal Code and Collective bargaining. We were told these were just the 'initial' areas of interest and the department was considering other areas. Have these other areas now been determined? What is the focus of these other areas? Who decided what the focus should be? On what basis was this decision made? Was industry consulted?"

Answer

The Fair Work Education and Information program sessions provided an overview of the Fair Work system, the Small Business Dismissal Code and Collective Bargaining. In addition, providers targeting particular industries provided information about the relevant Modern Award. Where providers provided information about Modern Awards the content of these presentations was discussed with, and cleared by, the Department.