

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations

DEEWR Question No. EW0212_11

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No [EW1063_10](#) and [EW1064_10](#)

Senator Abetz asked on 31/05/2010, Hansard page 119.

Question

SAFETY, REHABILITATION AND COMPENSATION AMENDMENT BILL

Senator ABETZ—No, I will try and come back to that later on; there is some further information I need on another matter. In relation to the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Bill, why did it take so long to send this bill to the drafters? Mr Kovacic—I would have to take that on notice. Senator ABETZ—In relation to EW1063_10 you told me that the drafting instructions were sent on 26 August 2009, so if you could advise on that. Then in EW1064_10, we are told that 'Legal advice was obtained before and after the announcement of the moratorium on 11 December 2007.' Did the second lot of advice alter anything? Mr Kovacic—I would have to take that on notice

Answer

The drafting instructions were sent to the Office of Parliamentary Counsel when the Minister decided to formalise the moratorium through legislation.

The legal advice obtained after the moratorium was announced did not alter the situation.