

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

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

Agency - Fair Work Australia

DEEWR Question No.EW0277_11

Senator Ronaldson asked on 1/06/2010, Hansard page 89.

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No [EW0891_10](#).

Question

INQUIRY ABOUT LEGAL ADVICE TO FWA

Senator Ronaldson - So what did the AGS actually provide you with? Mr Nassios - They assisted me with the conduct of the inquiry and the investigation that is involved. Certainly they have been available to me to ask questions and certainly been available to me to ask questions and certainly been available to me in conducting various proceedings. Senator Ronaldson - To give you advice? Mr Nassios - Yes, but much of that advice is of a verbal nature. Senator Ronaldson - So, if much is, there must be some of that is not, so when did you receive that written advice? Mr Nassios—I will go back and see if there is any specific written advice. I do not believe there is any specific advice of the nature that you are asking in that question. Senator RONALDSON—I am sure you used the word ‘much’ advisedly, rather than ‘all’, so you will take that on notice, will you? Mr Nassios—Yes

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response:

A written legal advice from the Australia Government Solicitor in relation to the allegations regarding Mr Thomson and the Health Services Union was received by the Industrial Registrar on 20 May 2009 and 27 May 2009.

A written legal advice from the Australia Government Solicitor in relation to the allegations regarding Mr Thomson and the Health Services Union was received by Fair Work Australia on 1 February 2010.