

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Sharing Of Press Clips With Opposition

Senator ABETZ: Minister, a question for you that relates to the issue of press clippings. I understand the department gets a range of clippings via a media monitoring service. Is that correct, Ms Paul? Ms Paul: That is correct. Senator ABETZ: Why is it that that cannot be shared with the opposition spokespeople? Senator Chris Evans: I will have to take that on notice to remember the detail, but I think it has been past practice; it certainly was past practice when I was shadow minister.

Answer

It has been the practice that the Opposition is not provided with copies of the press clippings for this portfolio. The Minister will retain the current practice and will review the arrangement from time to time.