

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Abetz asked on 30/05/2011, Hansard page 122.

Question

Work Choices

Senator ABETZ: It is a bit spooky that something of Work Choices actually remains in the current legislation. I am sure you did not say that. The minister gave a speech on 13 April 2011 talking about 4,000 complex, outdated awards being contracted down to our 122. How many of those 4,000 were actually operational? Mr Kovacic: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

As far as the Department is aware all of the instruments taken into account by Fair Work Australia during the award modernisation process were in operation, or capable of being in operation, on 1 July 2009.