

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No. EW0046_13

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Monitoring Members of the Federal Opposition

"1. Have any staff in the Department been tasked with monitoring members of the Federal Opposition? a. If so: i. By whom; ii. For what purposes; iii. What level of departmental officer was tasked with this task; iv. Who approved this allocation of resources? 2. What is the cost incurred to date of obtaining from media monitoring services transcripts of members of the Federal Opposition? 3. Does the Department collect any information on members of the Federal Opposition? a. If so, what information has been collected since 1 January 2012"

Answer

1. No.
2. Not applicable.
3. No.