

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

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

Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No. EW0047_13

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

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"1. Has the Minister or the Minister's office provided any instruction to officers on how to answer questions – either written or at Senate Estimates? a. If so, please provide all instances, including: i. Date; ii. Context and Question Number; iii. The instruction given."

Answer

As has been the case for many years, the department provides answers to Questions on Notice to the Ministers' Offices prior to tabling. From time to time the Ministers' Offices may raise queries or make suggestions about the proposed answer. These queries and suggestions are considered by the Department in finalising responses. The provision of the details sought for each instance where this may have occurred would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.