

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

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

**Agency - Fair Work Australia**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0151\_13**

**Senator Abetz asked on 28 May 2012 , Hansard page 15**

**Question**

**FWA - Confirming Mr Thomson's alibis**

Senator ABETZ: But did that include checking out alibis and checking out his version of events as being believable? Ms O'Neill: I would have to check.

**Answer**

*Fair Work Australia has provided the following response.*

Following Mr Thomson's interview on 15 September 2010, the Delegate continued to conduct his investigation by undertaking the steps that are outlined in the chronology on page 51 and following of the National Office report. While many steps were taken by the Delegate after Mr Thomson's interview, they included the following two issues:

- On 28 April 2011 the Delegate sought further evidence from Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd regarding charges which had been made to HSU credit cards regarding escort services. That further evidence, in the form of an affidavit of Mr Paul Svilans, was provided to Fair Work Australia by Fairfax on 6 June 2011; and
- On 18 February 2011 the Delegate conducted a second interview with Ms Belinda Ord in which the Delegate sought information regarding whether she was aware of whether Mr Thomson had returned any of the cash which he had withdrawn from his Commonwealth Bank mastercard.

In addition, the Delegate wrote to Mr Thomson on 12 April 2011 regarding information that Mr Thomson had emailed to Fair Work Australia on 25 February 2011 concerning air travel to Perth in February 2003 and again on 30 August 2011 regarding statements that had been made by Mr Thomson during his radio interview on 2UE on 1 August 2011.