

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

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

Outcome 4 – Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

DEEWR Question No. EW0295_13

Senator Abetz asked on 29 May 2012 , Hansard page 85

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW0903_12

Question

Submissions to the Fair Work Act Review

Senator ABETZ: I asked: were all submissions published on or before 20 February, and we were told 'no'. I accept a lot of work was involved in putting them up but we were told that some were placed on 21 February, some on 20 February.

Dr Morehead: Some submissions were received around that time and it did take a few days, sometimes, to get submissions up.

Senator ABETZ: Which I am not critical of and I understand that. But, given that the 14 days to provide a supplementary ran from 17 February, and they were only made publicly available as late as—when was the last one posted, 21 February?

Ms Paul: No, 27 February.

Mr Kovacic: And some on 5 March.

Senator ABETZ: Sorry, 5 March, but in fairness to you, were they supplementary submissions, or initial submissions?

Mr Kovacic: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

The submissions referred to in EW0903_12 were all initial submissions, including the submission published on 5 March 2012.