

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

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

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

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Senator Abetz asked on 28 May 2012 , Hansard page 59

Question

FWO - Engagement process for University of Adelaide project

Senator ABETZ: How was Professor Stewart or the University of Adelaide engaged?
Mr O'Shea: I will need to take it on notice to be absolutely sure but my recollection is that it was what is called a 'direct selection' process. Senator ABETZ: Direct selection, right. Please advise as to that.

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman has provided the following response.

Professors Andrew Stewart and Rosemary Owens were engaged to conduct research into unpaid work arrangements in Australia by the Fair Work Ombudsman through a direct selection process, endorsed by the agency's Contracts Committee.