

**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. EW0303_13

Senator Abetz asked on 29 May 2012 , Hansard page 107

“Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW1158_12”.

Question

EW1158_12 - format of answer

Senator ABETZ: Ms Paul, did you notice the strange bold typing that would not occur on a regular basis in answers? As it came across your desk, did that alert you that this might possibly be an answer worth reading? Ms Paul: I do not remember my reaction. I do not know when I would have looked at this. Senator ABETZ: Mr Kovacic, will you take on notice whether this initiative of bolding the type was from the department or from the minister's office? Mr Kovacic: Certainly.

Answer

It was at the Department's initiative. The Department used bold type in the response to DEEWR Question No EW1158_12, which requested the Department to 'draw to [your] attention' certain public statements by Minister Evans and Minister Albanese, in an effort to highlight the relevant references.