

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. EW0048_13

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Equal Pay Case

"Reference is made to the Social and Community Sector equal pay case: 1. Will the Department confirm that the Government will only provide supplementation and not fully cover all costs of employers?"

Answer

The Australian Government committed on 10 November 2011 to fund the Government's share of any wage increases awarded by Fair Work Australia in the Social and Community Sector equal pay case. The Government will provide supplementation to organisations delivering Commonwealth-funded programs that employ workers affected by Fair Work Australia's decision. The Government will also pay its share of the cost of wage increases to programs funded through Commonwealth-State agreements.