

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

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

Outcome 4 – Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

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Senator Abetz asked on 29 May 2012 , Hansard page 119

Question

TCFU Victoria

Senator ABETZ: Can you confirm to us that the TCFU Victoria total income is whatever it is? The total revenue for 2010 was \$1.8 million and \$1.1 million or about 60 per cent of its total income in fact came from the federal government. Can somebody confirm that for me? Mr Kovacic: I am not aware of that, Senator, but we will take that on notice. Senator ABETZ: Can you take that on notice and then also if you can tell us whether the Australian Labor Party received from the TCFU Victoria the sum of \$10,627 by way of a kind donation? Mr Kovacic: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

The Financial Report for the Textile Clothing and Footwear Union of Australia, Victorian Branch (TCFUA Victoria) for the year ended 31 December 2010 lodged with Fair Work Australia indicates total revenue of \$1,883,955. "Grant funds and other income" is noted as \$1,158,381 which TCFUA Victoria advises includes some Commonwealth funding.

Some of the funding provided by DEEWR to Ethical Clothing Australia (ECA) in 2010 in relation to the Ethical Clothing Australia Education and Compliance Program was subsequently paid to TCFUA Victoria for compliance and outreach work. The total amount paid by ECA to TCFUA Victoria in 2010 for this work was \$246,873.

TCFUA Victoria advises that the payment of \$10,627 to the Australian Labor Party reported in their abovementioned financial report represents affiliation fees.