

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

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Mr Kovacic: The reference I have here is that urgent directions hearing suggests that the actual application that may have been made by Ms Jackson may have been shortly before the 23rd as opposed to earlier that month. Senator ABETZ: But there had been talk about it in the media prior to that. Did the department provide advice to the minister about this intervention? Mr Kovacic: My recollection is that we did, but I take it on notice to confirm that. Senator ABETZ: The date of that advice and if there were a number of advices—if that is the correct term—and the dates of those would be helpful. Ms Paul: Yes

Answer

The Department has provided regular advice on this issue from 27 March 2012 and during the conduct of the Federal Court proceedings.