

**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 88

Question

FWA - Availability of attachment to EW1066_12

Senator ABETZ: That is fine. Minister, can you please take on notice why the Prime Minister today during question time asserted that this document was handed over during estimates yesterday during five hours of questioning and that it was the opposition's problem that it could not make proper use of the document during estimates yesterday. Can you inform the Prime Minister of that and why did she say that to the parliament. If you can take that on notice. Senator Ludwig: I am happy to take it on notice. I want to clarify the question from yesterday. You might want to explain the document that is in particular question.

Answer

Hansard indicates that the Prime Minister stated: 'They had five hours of opportunity with Fair Work Australia there. As a result of their questioning they did get the document that the member for Sturt refers to. That is what Senate Estimates is there for. Should Senate Estimates want to reconvene, then that is a matter for it'.

The Committee received the relevant document on 7 May 2012 as part of the package of material relating to the FWA National Office Investigation report in response to a question from the Committee to Fair Work Australia to provide that material.