

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

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

**Outcome 3 – Employment**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0229\_13**

**Senator Abetz asked on 29 May 2012, Hansard Page 20**

**Question – Jobs Board**

Senator ABETZ: All right, so when was the jobs board first notified to the department as an idea, as a concept—in the Prime Minister's statement or in Mr Bowen's statement on Friday? Mr Kovacic: The concept of a jobs board has been around for quite some time, certainly in the consultations that DIAC undertook with a range of stakeholders around the principles for enterprise migration agreements. Senator ABETZ: Can you please take on notice when it was first raised with you.

**Answer**

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has been undertaking work that would enable the development of a dedicated Resource Sector Jobs Board since mid 2011. This follows the February 2011 referral from the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship of a proposal from the Australian Council of Trade Unions for a “Skilled Worker Register.”

The Resource Sector Jobs Board which went ‘live’ on 10 June 2012 builds on existing functionality within Australian JobSearch, with further enhancements to be introduced from July 2012.