SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency **Fair Work Australia**

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Senator Fisher asked on 22 October 2009 EEWR Hansard page 55.

Question

With the provision in the act in relation to cooperation with prescribed state industrial authorities, how does the president propose to meet the criteria set out in section 582 and the note there under that says:

The President must perform his or her own functions and exercise his or her own powers in a manner that facilitates cooperation with prescribed State industrial authorities …

How does the president propose to meet that requirement?

What discussions has the president had with prescribed state industrial authorities since July in the furtherance of the obligation to which you have referred under section 649?

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response:

The President has met with the heads of State industrial tribunals on one occasion since 1 July. There is another meeting planned for the first half of 2010. The President proposes to meet the requirement in s.649 whenever the occasion arises to do so.