

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 5 – Workplace Relations**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0466\_11**

**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

**APPOINTMENT OF ABCC COMMISSIONERS**

Given the strong public interest in Ministerial appointments to the ABCC will the Minister consider adopting the approach that applies to Fair Work Australia appointments and consult the Opposition spokesperson during the appointment process?

**Answer**

In 2008 the Government introduced a policy implementing transparent and merit-based assessment in the selection of most Australian Public Service agency heads and other statutory office holders working in, or in conjunction with, APS agencies. Appointments to the ABCC are made in accordance with that policy. The Government is not currently considering changes to that policy.