

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Abetz asked on 20/10/2010, Hansard page 91.

Question

ABC Commissioner appointment

Why did we announce the new ABCC commissioner on the day of the opening of parliament? Mr Kovacic—I think it is purely coincidental. Senator ABETZ—Purely coincidental. Ms Paul—I think it is where the process took us. Senator ABETZ—It is fortuitous how that happened. When did the department put the recommendation to the government? Mr Kovacic—In terms of the precise date, it would have been—I have not got a precise date, but I can get that for you shortly. Senator ABETZ—Take it on notice...

Answer

The Department provided a brief to the Minister in relation to the ABC Commissioner appointment on 23 September 2010.