

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

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

Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations

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Question

148 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR FAIR WORK AUSTRALIA

Senator ABETZ—I take you to question on notice 0221 from the last estimates. I was kindly provided with the list of the 148 expressions of interest for Fair Work Australia. Before turning to that, how were applications or expressions of interest responded to? Mr Kovacic—I will have to take that on notice given the effluxion of time since the process occurred. Senator ABETZ—I assume an acknowledgement would have been sent out. Mr Kovacic—I would assume so. Senator ABETZ—Were those that were unsuccessful notified? Mr Kovacic—I will take that on notice; I cannot recall precisely. Senator ABETZ—I have been told by some that they found out they had been unsuccessful at the time of the public announcement of the six. Ms Paul—We will look into that. Senator ABETZ—Thank you. Were they at any stage advised as to when the announcement of the six commissioners would be made? Take that on notice too.

Answer

The information pack provided to those who expressed interest in the positions stated that 'only applicants who are selected for further consideration will be contacted'.

Unsuccessful applicants were not advised of the timing of the announcement of appointments to Fair Work Australia. Appointments to Fair Work Australia are made by the Governor-General in Council. In accordance with Executive Council requirements, no announcements concerning possible appointments, including timing of appointments, are made prior to consideration by the Executive Council.