

**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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Senator Abetz asked on 20/10/2010, Hansard page 108.

Question

UNION RIGHT OF ENTRY

Senator ABETZ—... Minister, can you indicate to us whether the government has received representations from the CFMEU suggesting changes to the union right of entry conditions and union involvement in negotiations of agreements? Senator Chris Evans—Recently? Senator ABETZ—Yes. Senator Chris Evans—I have not had that approach. I will have to take it on notice. Senator ABETZ—You can take it on notice through the department. Is the department aware of any? Mr Kovacic—I am certainly not aware of any such representations. Senator Chris Evans—But we will take it on notice as to whether the previous minister was or whether there is correspondence, but I am not aware of it

Answer

The Department's records do not show any representations having been received from the CFMEU in the 2010calendar year as at 20 October 2010 suggesting changes to the union right of entry conditions or union involvement in negotiations of agreements.