

**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 113.

Question

PRO PRINT

Senator ABETZ—How are we going with Pro Print; is there a claim being made on GEERS?

Mr Kovacic—Can we take that on notice.

Senator ABETZ—Yes, because there was an article on 27 September where some workers were concerned they would not be getting their entitlement, but if you can take that on notice that would be helpful.

Mr Kovacic—Certainly.

Answer

As at 1 November 2010, there is no Australian Securities and Investment Commission record of a company named 'Pro Print' having entered insolvency.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations is aware of a media report that was published on 27 September 2010 on the ProPrint website (www.proprint.com.au), which referred to Standard Publishing House (Aust) Pty Ltd (SPH) employees accessing assistance under the General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme (GEERS). ProPrint is a monthly magazine for the print industry.

SPH was a printing company based in Strathfield, NSW and entered liquidation on 16 September 2010. As at 15 November 2010, the Department had received 30 claims for GEERS assistance from former SPH employees. The Department is working closely with the SPH liquidator to gain the verified outstanding employee entitlements for SPH and finalise these claims as soon as possible.