

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

FWA Appointments

Will the Government keep to its commitment that appointments to Fair Work Australia 'will not be an endless tribe of union officials'?

Answer

In the *Forward with Fairness – Policy Implementation Plan*, the Government committed to ensuring that all new appointments to Fair Work Australia are based on merit and go through a bipartisan process. All appointments to FWA since 2007 have been made and will continue to be made consistent with that commitment.