

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Fair Work Australia

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Question

Overseas Dealings

Senator SINGH: Are you able to provide the committee with a list of those countries you have had some dealings with in the most recent times? Mr Giudice: I think we could probably extract that from the annual reports. We usually do have a reference to any of that sort of activity in the annual report.

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response.

1. Sections 2.9.2 and 2.10.1 of the *Fair Work Australia 2010-11 Annual Report* outline overseas activities by tribunal members and educational visits to Fair Work Australia by overseas delegations.

Overseas activities by Fair Work Australia members included:

- Attendance at international dispute resolution agencies in Washington DC, USA
- Attendance and chairing of sessions at Asian Regional Congress of the International Labour and Employment Relations Association;
- Assisting the International Labour Organisation in the the delivery of training to officials of the Labour Departments of Hong Kong and Macao
- Presentations and development of training curriculum for judges of the Industrial Relations Court of Indonesia in Jakarta
- At the invitation of the Government of Botswana conduct of workshop of conciliators and mediators and provide address to symposium in Botswana
- Professional Development Liaison and Arbitration Council of Cambodia;
- Participation in developmental activities with the Commission for mediation and arbitration of Tanzania, the Industrial Court and Dispute Handling Tribunal of Zanzibar.

Fair Work Australia provides briefings to overseas delegations from China, Korea, Papua New Guinea and South Africa; individuals from labour organisations in New Zealand and Northern Ireland and a Japanese University.