

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

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

Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy

DEEWR Question No. EW0767_12

Senator Abetz asked on 19 October 2011 , Hansard page 85

Question

***Public Availability of Decision Regulation Impact Statement for the Model Work
Health and Safety Regulations***

Mr Hoy: No, it has not been published on our website. That is in accordance with COAG requirements in that it will not be published until the ministerial council makes the final decision on the regulations and codes of practice to which the regulation impact statement refers. Senator ABETZ: Do you have anything up on your website, Minister, relating to this? Senator Chris Evans: It is a very good question, Senator. I will have to take that on notice. I remember I issued a press release welcoming the regulatory impact statement. That would be on my site in terms of the media releases. I do not know, Mr Hoy, whether you have any understanding or whether there is other material. Do you mean generally, Senator Abetz, or relating to the RIS or— Senator ABETZ: No, the decision RIS. Senator Chris Evans: No,

Answer

The question was addressed by Mr Kovacic under Outcome 5 on 19 December 2011, Hansard page 112 when he advised that:

“The Office of Best Practice Regulation provided the advice to Safe Work Australia on, I think, 9 September that the regulation impact statement complied with the COAG guidelines. The approved RIS, if I can describe it that way, was circulated by the minister to members of the Workplace Relations Ministerial Council on 13 September. Subsequently, on 14 September, Safe Work Australia provided its members with a copy of the approved regulation impact statement. On the same day the minister issued a media release announcing the findings of the regulation impact statement, and a copy of the approved regulation impact statement was attached to the media release on 15 September at 10:45 am.

As Mr Hoy indicated when Safe Work Australia was appearing here earlier this evening, the approved RIS had not been placed on Safe Work Australia's website. The intention is that that will not occur until such time as the consideration of the model regs and codes of practice by the Workplace Relations Ministerial Council has concluded.”