

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Abetz asked on 19 October 2011, Hansard page 111

Question

FWA Appointments

Senator ABETZ: For this round of appointments—and there were three of them, as I understand it—how many were on the short list that was submitted to the minister's office?

Mr Kovacic: From memory, there were 10.

Senator ABETZ: Can I have a breakdown of those 10?

Mr Kovacic: I do not have those details with me, but I am happy to take that on notice.

Answer

There were 10 applicants submitted to the Minister by the independent selection committee for consideration for appointment as Fair Work Australia Commissioners. The most recent employment experience of the shortlisted applicants is as follows:

- Two were employed in government.
- Two had an employer/industry background.
- Three had a legal background, with two of those serving on tribunals.
- One was employed in the union movement.
- One was working as a consultant.