

**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. EW0791\_12**

**Senator Abetz asked on 19 October 2011, Hansard page 124.**

**Question**

***FWA Appointments***

Senator ABETZ: Do we have an indication as to how many vacancies we might be expecting this year? Mr Kovacic: To be precise I would prefer to take it on notice, but the minister has alluded to a couple, probably one at the deputy president level and one at the commissioner level.

**Answer**

The Honorable Justice Geoffrey Giudice, President of FWA has indicated he will resign at the end of February 2012, creating a vacancy. Deputy President Ken Ives has advised that he will resign with effect from 31 January 2012.

FWA Members hold office until they resign, are terminated or attain the age of 65 years. Three FWA members: two Commissioners and one Presidential member are due to retire in the 12 months to October 2012.