

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

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

**Cross Portfolio**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0797\_12

**Senator Abetz asked on 20 October 2011, Hansard page 10**

*Refers to previous DEEWR Question No [EW0115\\_12](#)*

**Question**

**Funding for the ACTU**

Senator ABETZ: No, but through natural attrition. So voluntary redundancies and natural attrition—that is, if there used to be 20 in a state office and there are now only 18—and what positions. Turning quickly to EW0115\_12, I could not help but notice that we continue to fund from all sorts of areas the government's carbon tax cheer squad, but the real question I want to ask is about the funding for the ACTU of around \$3.8 million. We were given 'The nature of the payments is as follows:'. Thank you for that detail. Could I be given a split up of that on notice please. Ms Paul: Sure. A split up of activity? Senator ABETZ: I was told that the \$3,794,565.86 was 'attendance of ACTU staff at various committees, forums and International Labour Organisation meetings'. If you could just categorise it and say how much for 'meeting obligations for Safe Work Australia and the provision of services to advance the National Occupational Health and Safety Strategy' Ms Paul: All right. We will take that on notice

**Answer**

Safe Work Australia Grants - \$1,250,000  
Reimbursement for meeting obligations (ILO, National Resource Sector Taskforce, Apprenticeship expert panel) - \$174,000  
Making a modern award safety net -\$2,365,000  
National Safe Work Australia Week - \$5,565