

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Fair Work Australia

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Senator Abetz asked on 17 October 2012 , Hansard page 22

Question

FWA - Source of phone number

Senator ABETZ: No. I am talking about the story that is in today's Australian saying that Fair Work is considering issuing a subpoena to find out who the person was on the other end of the phone.

Ms Carruthers: Certainly I have not attempted to ring the number.

Senator ABETZ: Has anybody, to your knowledge?

Ms Carruthers: Not that I

Senator ABETZ: I would have thought that might have been the first step to try to find out whether somebody actually answers the number, and Google it or ask Mr Thomson or whatever. Anyway, good luck with the subpoena on that. I would have thought there might have been other ways. Did you try to get the identity of the owner or holder of that number previously?

Ms O'Neill: I do not know the answer to that.

Senator ABETZ: Mr Nassios?

Mr Nassios: I am not even aware of the article you are referring to.

Senator ABETZ: All right. Please take it on notice and then let us know.

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response.

Attempts were made during the investigation into the HSU National Office to identify telephone numbers that had been called by Mr Thomson from his HSU mobile telephone, however the identity of the number which is set out at paragraph 47(d) of the Statement of Claim (02 4384 3800) was not determined. During the course of the investigation, FWA did not ring the telephone numbers which were recorded as having been rung by Mr Thomson from his HSU mobile telephone.