

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Agency - ABCC/FWBII

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Senator Abetz asked on 17 October 2012 , Hansard page 57

Question

FWBC - commencement of website

Senator ABETZ: That is what I would have hoped would have happened. If that has occurred, that is good. Can we go back to the last estimates when I was asking you about when announcements might be made et cetera. I think those estimates were held on 28 May and then, three days later, we have got the new website up and running, things are announced and it is all in order. When were you made aware, Mr Johns, that this would all be happening and starting on 1 June? Mr Johns: I will have to take that on notice.

Answer

Fair Work Building & Construction has provided the following response.

The process and timing for the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia (acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council and under item 2 of the table in subsection 2 (1) of the *Building and Construction Industry Improvement Amendment (Transition to Fair Work) Act 2012*) to fix 1 June 2012 as the day on which Schedule 1 to that Act would commence was conducted by DEEWR.

On Friday, 25 May 2012, the then Australian Building and Construction Commissioner was informally advised by DEEWR that Her Excellency had proclaimed 1 June as the commencement date for FWBC.

At or about 9.00 pm on Tuesday 29 May 2012 Mr Johns was advised of his appointment as the Acting Director of FWBC commencing on 1 June 2012.

At or about 10.00 am on Wednesday, 30 May 2012 the proclamation was formally registered (and made public).