

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 4 – Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

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Question

Name of Fair Work Australia

Senator ABETZ: So where, from all his community consultations, given that it is going to be the most likely name, did he get the idea that the community still wanted the words 'fair work' in the title?

Mr Kovacic: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

The Minister held extensive consultations with stakeholders through both established consultative forums and meetings with individual unions, employer organisations and employers. In the course of these consultations it became clear that there was broad support for changing the name of the tribunal to include the word 'Commission'. However, stakeholder views differed on what the remaining elements of the name should be.

The Government considers using the word 'Commission' more accurately reflects the functions of this body. The words 'Fair Work' are consistent with the establishment and role of the tribunal within the Fair Work system, in particular because the tribunal takes its powers and functions from the provisions of the *Fair Work Act 2009*.