

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

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

**Outcome 4 – Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0664\_13

**Senator Abetz asked on 17 October 2012 Hansard page 108**

*Refers to previous DEEWR Parliamentary Question No 1920.*

**Question**

**Related to PQ 1920 - Individual flexibility agreements**

Senator ABETZ: I am willing to put all this aside. I am willing to forget about all that. I want to know: is it the government's current position or not that the 28-day rule is an impediment to the use of individual flexibility agreements? Is it? Senator Jacinta Collins: I think I answered this question in part in a response in the earlier discussion about the National Workplace Relations Consultative Council and where we were going with the recommendations of the review. But what I would like to do, looking at this question now, is note your comments about there being a Hansard reference, refer to it and then look at a response.

**Answer**

The Government is considering this issue in the context of its response to the Fair Work Act Review and has neither ruled in or out amendments to the *Fair Work Act 2009* to alter the time frame for the unilateral termination of individual flexibility arrangements (IFAs).