

**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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Senator Abetz asked on 17 October 2012 , Hansard page 115

Question

Departmental input into Prime Minister's speech on productivity

Senator ABETZ: Did the department have any input into a prime ministerial speech, delivered on 20 August, relating to productivity? Take that on notice. She was addressing a business audience and indicated: Australia's falling productivity rate over the past decade was not the fault of— a number of things— or restrictive industrial legislation. I was just wondering whether the department had drafted any aspect of that. Ms Paul: We will take that on notice. It would be unlikely.

Answer

The department did not provide any input to the Prime Minister's speech, "Productivity: facts not myths", delivered on 20 August 2012.