

**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. EW0684\_13**

**Senator Abetz asked on 17 October 2012 , Hansard page 120**

**Question**

**Consultations by department with trade unions**

Senator ABETZ: Was there any consultation by the department with any elements of the trade union movement prior to the announcement? Ms Paul: Consultations by us with the trade union movement. Mr Kovacic: I will take that on notice but my sense is that I do not think so.

**Answer**

The department did not consult with trade union representatives, prior to the Minister's announcement of 21 September 2012.