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Question:

Mr McNamara: Fair Work are not doing the review. The review is still being done by a panel. Three—

Senator ABETZ: Yes, I stand corrected. The review of the Fair Work Act will be delivered to you in due course?

Senator ABETZ: Have you already had interaction?

Mr McNamara: Yes.

Senator ABETZ: How often?

Mr McNamara: I would have to take that on notice. **Senator ABETZ**: When was the first interaction?

Mr McNamara: I would have to take that on notice, but it was well over 12 months ago that

we had our first interaction on this post-implementation review.

Answer:

The first interaction with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) on the Post-implementation Review was 2 September 2010.

Since that meeting, the OBPR had regular interactions with DEEWR the Fair Work Act Review, with the level of interaction increasing as the Review was being drafted and finalised.