

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee

The committee met on Monday, 3 June 2013 from 9.00 am until 9.53 pm.

The committee called:

- agencies of the employment portfolio, including the Fair Work Ombudsman, Fair Work Building and Construction, Comcare, Safe Work Australia and the Fair Work Commission (FWC).

Among other issues, the following issues were discussed:

- 457 visas and the role of the Fair Work Ombudsman in implementing new arrangements announced by the government
- asbestos regulations, including recent incidents involving occupational health and safety practices for asbestos management under the NBN rollout
- Safe Work Australia's recent draft code of practice for bullying, including consultation, the impact of other prospective legislative measures—particularly draft amendments to the Fair Work Act—and assistance that may be offered to small business in using the code
- the President of the Fair Work Commission exercising his role as a Justice of the Federal Court
- the role of FWC in relation to charges made against Mr Craig Thomson MP
- the FWC's administration of the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal.