

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

#### **Agency - Fair Work Commission**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000126**

**Senator McKenzie asked on 11 February 2016 on proof Hansard page 142**

#### **Question**

##### **FWC - Rules committee**

Mr Enright: The Fair Work Commission has a rules committee. Virtually, when the rules committee change any of the rules of the Fair Work Commission, it becomes a requirement. It is almost a legislative requirement. There is a process that needs to be implemented. We have to take that into account. So we have our own review going on, we are taking into account the recommendations of the royal commission, and we will put those matters to the rules committee as soon as is possible.

CHAIR: On notice, can you please provide when the rules committee will be meeting and considering this matter?

Mr Enright: Certainly, Senator. I can take that on notice.

#### **Answer**

On 18 December 2015 the FWC Rules and Benchbooks Committee met and among other things, agreed that the Form F42 be amended to require an applicant for an entry permit to outline the steps undertaken to ensure the proposed permit holder met the permit qualification matters set out in s 513 of the *Fair Work Act 2009*. As at 3 March 2016, the draft amended Form F42 is currently being considered 'out of session' by the Rules and Benchbooks Committee.