

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations

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Senator Abetz asked on 23/02/2011, Hansard page 127.

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Question

ACKNOWLEDGE OF FWA EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We now know that acknowledgements in fact were not sent out, that the information pack provided to those who expressed interest in the position stated that, 'Only applicants who are selected for further consideration will be contacted.' I think the reason you and I assumed that an acknowledgement would be sent out was that it would just be a polite thing to do. I would have thought it a good employer-employee type relationship, as a model employer, to at least acknowledge that you had received the application, so I am wondering whether we are going to do that basic courtesy on this occasion? Mr Kovacic—Certainly. We can do that. Senator ABETZ—You will? Thank you.

Answer

An Expression of Interest for Fair Work Australia Commissioner positions in NSW and Victoria was advertised on Friday 29 October 2010 in the *Australian Financial Review* and 30 October 2010 in the *Weekend Australian*.

All Expressions of Interest from applicants were personally acknowledged on receipt by departmental staff via email.