

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Appointment - Presidency of FWA

Ms Paul: Obviously, I am not going to go into personnel. But, in terms of process, the process will unfold in the way that it should in terms of consultation and so on. I can step through where it is up to if you wish. Senator ABETZ: When do we anticipate that we will have an announcement, just roughly? Ms Paul: I am not sure when there will be an announcement, but it is— Senator ABETZ: When do you think you will be in a position to make a recommendation or to provide a list to the minister? Ms Paul: I have done that. Senator ABETZ: The list is with the minister? Ms Paul: That is right. Senator ABETZ: Parliamentary Secretary, when do you think the minister will be in a position to indicate? Senator Jacinta Collins: I have no knowledge of this matter but I will take that on notice. CHAIR: So I am not on the list? Senator Jacinta Collins: Sorry, Senator Marshall. CHAIR: Can you rule me out? Senator Jacinta Collins: I do not know. Did you apply? Senator ABETZ: Be careful—it could prejudice things. Senator Jacinta Collins: Did you apply? Is that a preselection ticket? CHAIR: I did not know you had to apply. Senator ABETZ: Senator Feeney could be interested, though. All right—

Answer

On 24 February 2012 the Hon Bill Shorten MP, Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations announced the appointment of Justice Iain Ross AO as the new President of Fair Work Australia. Justice Ross commenced on 1 March 2012.