

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2012-2013**

**Outcome 4 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0785\_13

**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Selection process for Fair Work Commission Vice Presidents**

In relation to the selection process for the two new Vice Presidents of the Fair Work Commission, why is the Deputy Secretary, Corporate in charge of the process? Who made the decision to give carriage to Mr Manthorpe? Which branch/branches are assisting Mr Manthorpe in this process?

**Answer**

The Secretary allocated the task to Mr Manthorpe. Mr Manthorpe is very experienced in chairing senior recruitment exercises and, at the time the Secretary was called upon to allocate the task, Mr Manthorpe was the best placed and most appropriate senior executive to chair this particular merit-based process. The Institutions and Workplace Safety Branch gave primary support and assistance to Mr Manthorpe in this process.