

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

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DEEWR Question No. EW0287_10

Senator Fisher asked on 2 June 2009, EEWR Hansard page 84.

Question

Was it a meeting the Deputy Prime Minister had with representatives of the Restaurant and Catering Industry Association earlier this year or media reports that first drew the Government's attention to issues associated with that particular sector?

Answer

The Department's attention was first drawn to issues associated with the industry through media reports shortly after the Australian Industrial Relations Commission released the Hospitality Industry (General) Award 2010 on 19 December 2008. The Deputy Prime Minister subsequently met with Restaurant and Catering Australia on 26 February 2009.