

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**DEEWR Question No.**            EW0292\_10

Senator Fisher asked on 2 June 2009, EEWR Hansard page 90.

**Question**

Has the Deputy Prime Minister received any representations from Cleaning Services industry or in particular from a South Australian based company called Longford Cleaning Services, in respect to their concerns about a modernised award in their sector?

**Answer**

On 13 May 2009, the Deputy Prime Minister received correspondence from the Building Service Contractors Association of Australia – Western Australia Division (BSCAAWA) raising their concerns in respect to the Cleaning Services Award 2010. The Minister's Office provided a response to the BSCAAWA on 2 June 2009.

On 1 June 2009, the Deputy Prime Minister received correspondence from Longford Cleaning Services raising their concerns in respect to the Cleaning Services Award 2010.

On 4 February 2009, the Deputy Prime Minister's office received correspondence from EMA Consulting on behalf of cleaning industry representatives. The correspondence outlined an issue concerning the redundancy National Employment Standard, the Cleaning Services Industry Award 2010 and contract change in the cleaning industry. This correspondence followed a meeting between the Deputy Prime Minister's Adviser and cleaning representatives on that day (4 February 2009). Further representations were made to the Deputy Prime Minister's Office on 13 February 2009, 4 March 2009 and 18 March 2009.

An amendment to the Fair Work Act 2009 and the Deputy Prime Minister's award modernisation request (dated 2 May 2009) were made in response to the issues raised by the industry representatives.