

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

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DEEWR Question No. EW0372_10

Senator Abetz asked on 4 June 2009, EEWL Hansard page 62.

Question

Automotive Training Australia

Please take on notice the question of who supports this change, other than the minister, of course: whether the FCAI, MTAA, the VACC, and the vehicle industry union—all the players which have been making contributions, and, as I understand it, valuable contributions in the past—support this?

Answer

Extensive industry consultation was undertaken. However, there was no consensus among stakeholders about a clear way forward.

The change referred to was supported by the Australian Industry Group, the Australian Council of Trade Unions and the Australian Manufacturing Workers Union.

The Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries has been participating in the consultations with Manufacturing Skills Australia during the transitional processes that have flowed from the decision.

The Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce indicated its opposition to the change.