

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

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Question

Number Of Fair Work Inspectors With Union Backgrounds

Senator ABETZ: And they could supply the CV over the net as well?

Mr Wilson: Yes.

Senator ABETZ: And so a word search such as 'union' or 'union official' in relation to those would not be such a hard exercise, would it? It is not opening up 900 paper files to see whereabouts 'union official' might be.

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Senator ABETZ: All right. Can you provide us with those that apply via the internet?

Mr Wilson: I just do not know whether that is possible.

Senator ABETZ: In that case, I am sure that as you are so obliging you would be willing to take it on notice, to see if it is possible.

Mr Wilson: Certainly.

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman provided the following answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman's online recruitment system is not capable of conducting a word search within the curricula vitae of employees.

The curricula vitae would need to be downloaded and subsequently searched manually to determine the employment histories of employees.

Conducting such a search would constitute an unreasonable diversion of Fair Work Ombudsman resources.