Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2012-2013

Outcome 4 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Fair Work Australia Decision [2012] FWA 2556.

"Reference is made to the Fair Work Australia Decision [2012] FWA 2556. 1) Does the Government have any concerns with the flow-on affects of this decision? 2) Does the Government believe this decision is in the spirit of the Fair Work Act? 3) Does the Government believe this decision reflects the intention of the Fair Work Act?"

Answer

The Government is aware of the decision. The Australian Industry Group raised the decision with the Panel undertaking the post-implementation review of the Fair Work Act. The Government is considering the matter in that context.