

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

HSU case

Senator ABETZ: I do have a question. Parliamentary Secretary, it is strange that the minister found dysfunctionality within the HSU shortly after Ms Jackson had applied for certain Federal Court orders in relation to the administration of the Health Services Union. Was there any connection between that? Senator Jacinta Collins: I will take that on notice. I have no idea.

Answer

There was no connection between these developments. Advice in relation to a possible application by the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations to have an administrator appointed to the Health Services Union was first sought from the Department on 27 March 2012, whereas Ms Jackson's application was not filed until 20 April 2012. The Minister's decision to intervene in the Federal Court proceedings was to ensure that the interests of HSU members across Victoria, New South Wales and the ACT were being properly served by their union.