

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No. EW0049_13

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Ministerial Responsibilities

"1. Have any arrangements being put in place in how to divide Ministerial responsibilities between the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, the Minister for Employment Participation and the Parliamentary Secretary? a. If so: What is the division of labour? b. Please break down, by outcome, the number of briefs each of the above Ministers/Parliamentary Secretary have been provided since 1 January 2012."

Answer

Ministerial responsibilities are listed in the *Second Gillard Ministry* at:

http://www.dpmc.gov.au/parliamentary/docs/ministry_list_20120508.rtf

The following table shows the number of briefings provided to the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, the Minister for Employment Participation, and the Parliamentary Secretary for Schools Education and Workplace Relations over the period 1 Jan 2012 – 31 May 2012.

The Department's Parliamentary Document Management System (PDMS) does not record briefings by Outcome. Numbers of briefings are detailed by Cluster, as per the departmental structure as at 3 June 2012, and by Agency. Agencies not included in the table did not provide briefings during this time.

Cluster	Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations	Minister for Employment Participation	Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations
Early Childhood, Working Age and Indigenous Participation	22	5	0
Schools and Youth	4	0	64
Employment	66	128	0
Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy	230	7	12
Corporate and Network	55	38	12
Social Innovation	3	4	0
Agencies			
Australian Building Construction Commission	6	0	0
Comcare	8	0	0
Fair Work Ombudsman	21	0	0
Safe Work Australia	11	0	0
Total	427	182	88