

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

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Question

FWO - Legal restraints regarding making orders in respect of bullying

Senator BILYK: Would there be any legal constraints if you were given the responsibility for making orders in respect of bullying? Mr Campbell: Only because we are moving into a jurisdiction which we do not currently have. I cannot really answer that question for you in the sense that it is a hypothetical at this point. As I understand it, we are not proposing to have a jurisdiction there under the legislation that is before the parliament. Senator BILYK: Could you take that on notice and just get back to me in regard to that as well? I think they are fairly important issues considering what might happen down the track. Thank you.

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman has provided the following response.

The Fair Work Ombudsman would consider the question of issues that may arise in the event that further detail was released indicating what, if any, function were to be conferred on the Fair Work Ombudsman in relation to the proposal.