

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 9

DEEWR Question No. EW884_09

Senator Abetz asked on 23 October 2008, EEWHR Hansard page 5.

Question

Status of the ACTU in the ILO

Does the ILO acknowledge the ACTU as the peak body representing workers in Australia and, if so, how is that formalised?

Answer

The ILO Constitutional requirement is that the 'most representative organisations' at the relevant time provide the International Labour Conference (ILC) representatives. The ACTU is widely recognised as the peak worker organisation in Australia and has therefore led the Australian worker delegation to the ILC for many decades.

Any worker or employer organisation that considers it has a better claim to ILC representation may challenge the credentials of another organisation through the Credentials Committee of the ILC. The ACTU's credentials have never been challenged in the Credentials Committee.