

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Abetz asked on 20/10/2010, Hansard page 93.

Question

Minister's letter to Fair Work Australia regarding termination of modernisable instruments

Senator ABETZ—I will move on to the minister's letter on 29 September 2010 to the President of Fair Work Australia. Is this or is this not a formal submission to Fair Work Australia? The minister could not tell us, so hopefully the department can. ...Senator ABETZ—The question was, 'Is this a formal submission to Fair Work Australia?' ...Senator ABETZ—I am not interested in why he wrote the letter and all the detail because that is set out in the correspondence. Senator Chris Evans—Okay, we will take the question on notice.

Answer

Senator Chris Evans, Minister for Tertiary Education, Jobs, Skills and Workplace Relations, wrote to the President of Fair Work Australia on 29 September 2010 in relation to the termination of modernisable instruments, suggesting that Fair Work Australia take a staged approach to the termination of modernisable instruments. The letter was not intended to be a formal submission and has been categorized as 'correspondence' on Fair Work Australia's website.