

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations

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Senator Abetz asked on 20/10/2010, Hansard page 110.

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW0011_11

Question

FAIR WORK EDUCATION AND INFORMATION CAMPAIGN – EDUCATION MATERIAL

Senator ABETZ—Maybe, maybe. Can I go to question on notice 11? We were told about certain activities and the providers. UEF seems to have been the provider of the most activities. What does UEF stand for? Ms Paul—What are the number of report levels— Senator ABETZ—Number 11. Mr Kovacic—It is the Union Education Foundation. Senator ABETZ—I thought it might be, thank you. They got the biggest number of activities. We were told that the department has copies of standard documents handed out by providers, and you tell us that it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide copies of this information to the committee. Chances are, given all the activities that you have outlined, that is quite a reasonable thing to say. I wonder, given that you do have all the materials, is it available in some location where it can be inspected and which would not require the cost and whatever of copying it? Mr Kovacic—Can I take that on notice? I presume it would be available in departmental premises here? Senator ABETZ—Yes. Mr Kovacic—I think, to what extent— Senator ABETZ—It would need the minister's approval whether or not somebody from my office could then— Ms Paul—View those documents? Senator ABETZ—Yes. Ms Paul—Sure. Senator ABETZ—Just to view those documents, because I fully accept that, given the list you have provided, to provide copies of it all would be a substantial task. So take that on notice. Ms Paul—Yes.

Answer

The material referred to is available to look at on departmental premises. A member of Senator Abetz's office can contact Minister Evans' office to arrange inspection.