

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Agency - Fair Work Australia**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0729\_12**

**Senator Ronaldson asked on 19 October 2011 , Hansard page 25**

**Question**

**Allegations about HSU inquiry**

Senator RONALDSON: I think anyone looking at this will know that this is just wafer-thin excuses to protect a wafer-thin majority. Can I ask Mr Nassios: were you aware of these allegations, which came out on 22 August, in relation to this campaign and other expenditure, before those matters were reported in the newspaper? Ms O'Neill: Again, Senator, we will have to take that question on notice.

**Answer**

*Fair Work Australia has provided the following response:*

Yes, Mr Nassios was aware of the allegations of campaign and other expenditure prior to it being reported on 22 August 2011 in an article published in the Daily Telegraph by Mr Steve Lewis and Mr Andrew Clennell.