

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Agency - Fair Work Australia**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0604\_13**

**Senator Abetz asked on 17 October 2012 , Hansard page 30**

**Question**

**FWA - Missing money from AWU Workplace Reform Association**

Senator ABETZ: We are out of time, aren't we, Chair? Just bear with me. I have a number of other questions that I think I will have to place on notice. No, I have one other. If somebody wanted to pursue the \$672,000 missing from the Australian Workers' Union Workplace Reform Association, would Fair Work Australia be able to assist them in that regard? Ms O'Neill: I do not know the answer to that off the top of my head. Perhaps we could take that on notice. Senator ABETZ: Yes, of course. Ms O'Neill: I am only vaguely aware of media reports. Senator ABETZ: It is a large lump of money that has gone missing and there are all sorts of theories and views and it would be very helpful if those who have been aggrieved might in fact have an avenue which does not necessarily rely on people that might have a vested interest in not having those moneys recovered. If you could take that on notice, I would be much obliged.

**Answer**

*Fair Work Australia has provided the following response.*

The General Manager's jurisdiction is limited to the regulation of registered organisations within the scope of the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*.

The Australian Workers' Union Workplace Reform Association is not, and was not an organisation registered under the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* or its predecessors.