

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

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

**Outcome 4 – Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0675\_13**

**Senator Abetz asked on 17 October 2012, Hansard page 117**

**Question**

**Trade unions**

This is one for the parliamentary secretary undoubtedly to take on notice. Mr Shorten on Meet the Press on Sunday, 26 August said: Well let's be really clear on our language here, and what is important. First of all, trade unions in Australia—with notable exceptions— Plural— but very few exceptions—are honestly run. Is he willing to divulge the 'notable exceptions'? Can you take that on notice, please?  
Senator Jacinta Collins: I will take that on notice.

**Answer**

The Department understands from the Minister's response to Parliamentary Question No. 2539 that the exceptions to which the Minister was referring were the NSW registered HSUEast and those branches of the federally registered Health Services Union to which Justice Flick of the Federal Court appointed an administrator in his decision of 21 June 2012.