

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

**Outcome 4 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0123\_14**

**Senator Tillem asked on 21 November 2013, Hansard page 91**

**Question**

***Fair Work Act 2009 review - terms of reference***

Senator TILLEM: Can I ask the department and the minister who has been consulted in setting up the terms of reference. You made a reference earlier about conversations over a cup of Earl Grey?

Senator Abetz: You are trying to stereotype me now! How do you know it wasn't green tea.

Senator TILLEM: I am sure herb tea is the choice!

Senator Abetz: The best might be to take it on notice because, as I have indicated, there was no formal call for submissions. But if my memory serves me correctly, informally, with the ACTU, ACCI and BCA. But that is from memory. So one of those organisations might say no or I may have spoken to an official in the organisation who is not necessarily spoken to somebody else in that organisation. I do not want to mislead. No formal requests but informal and tonight's airing here, if anybody is listening in, always interested in people's use.

Senator TILLEM: I appreciate you taking that on notice, Minister.

**Answer**

To date, Minister Abetz has consulted the Australian Council of Trade Unions, the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Business Council of Australia on the proposed Productivity Commission review of the Fair Work laws.