

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

**Agency - Fair Work Commission**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000482**

**Senator McKenzie provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

##### **FWC - Powers of panel heads**

In a presentation to the Australian Industry Group by President Ross on 4 May, the President flagged plans to reform existing industry panel arrangements.

1. Can the FWC elaborate further on the progress in relation to the implementation of these plans?
2. Were the panel heads or other member of the Commission notified of this proposal prior to it being announced by President Ross?

#### **Answer**

*1. Can the FWC elaborate further on the progress in relation to the implementation of these plans?*

Changes to the Commission's panel system were announced on 16 November 2015. Information on the composition of the panels is available on the Commission's website: [www.fwc.gov.au/at-the-commission/members-panels/the-panel-system](http://www.fwc.gov.au/at-the-commission/members-panels/the-panel-system).

The panel system will be the subject of further discussion at the annual Members conference in February 2016.

*2. Were the panel heads or other member of the Commission notified of this proposal prior to it being announced by President Ross?*

Yes.