

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy

DEEWR Question No. EW0902_12

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Review of the Fair Work Act

1. Did the final terms of reference approved by the Minister change from the draft terms of reference drafted by the Department?

Answer

The department provided two iterations of draft terms of reference to the then Minister's Office. The Minister's Office proposed some changes to the initial iteration which were incorporated by the department, before being submitted to the Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR). Following endorsement by the OBPR they were again provided to the Minister's Office and approved without further amendment.