

**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. EW1154\_12**

**Senator Abetz asked on 15 February 2012 , Hansard page 126**

***AHRI research report of Jan 2012***

**Question**

Senator ABETZ: All right. Who in the department would have read it? Ms Paul: We would probably have to take that on notice and find out. Your point is: to what extent can it be relied upon? At this stage we are not really able to make a judgement like that so we will have to take it on notice. Senator ABETZ: It came out last month; it has been around and it has been commented upon. I would have thought that the department would have prepared a brief on that. Has the department prepared a brief in relation to this for the minister's office? Ms Paul: I do not know but I am happy to take that on notice.

**Answer**

On 2 February 2012, departmental officers from the Workplace Relations Policy and Workplace Relations Legal Groups were provided with a telephone pre-release briefing on the Australian Human Resources Institute (AHRI) survey results by a senior AHRI official. The department subsequently provided briefing material on the survey to the Minister's office.