

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 4 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

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Senator Abetz asked on 13 February 2013 , Hansard page 126

Question

Costing of the Impact of Strike or Industrial Action on the Economy

Senator ABETZ: Does the department do any costing of the impact of strike or industrial action on the economy? Do you keep any records of that? Mr Kovacic: Certainly we monitor the industrial disputes data. But in terms of the costing of that, we do not do any costing per se. Senator ABETZ: So that would be the ABS? Mr Kovacic: I am not sure whether the ABS does that in terms of cost, but I am happy to take that question on notice.

Answer

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations contacted the ABS (both the industrial disputes survey area and their research area) and has been advised that the ABS has not costed the impact of strikes or industrial action on the economy.