

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

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

**Agency - Fair Work Australia**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0064\_12**

**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Protocol Maintained By FWA With Respect To The Rights Of The General  
Public**

What is the protocol maintained by FWA with respect to the rights of the general public to be present during Full Bench proceedings? Are there any restrictions on persons being present?

**Answer**

*Fair Work Australia has provided the following response.*

There is no specific protocol maintained by Fair Work Australia with respect to the rights of the general public to be present during Full Bench proceedings. Consistent with judicial practice and section 593 of the Fair Work Act 2009, the general public are entitled to attend public Fair Work Australia hearings subject to the conduct of Full Bench hearings being at the discretion of the Fair Work Australia Member presiding on the Full Bench.