

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

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

Agency - Fair Work Australia

DEEWR Question No.EW0067_12

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Details Of People In The Public Gallery

Is FWA aware of any instances where persons in the public gallery have been asked to provide details of themselves – either by any members of the bench or any employees of FWA? If so, when, and why?

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response.

The conduct of proceedings is at the discretion of the Fair Work Australia Member conducting the hearing and there may be instances where persons would be asked to identify themselves eg prospective witnesses may need to be identified in the event it is not considered appropriate they remain in the public gallery while other witnesses are giving evidence. Fair Work Australia is unable to provide details of any specific instances.