Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2011-2012

Agency - Fair Work Australia

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Personal Details Requested

Can I ask you to investigate for the committee, the following information: o In a hearing before a full bench on 24th August 2010, a person who identified themselves as the associate to SDP Acton, entered the public gallery. They asked if the public sitting there were from the media. They then asked for the name, address, occupation and employer of at least three people in the public gallery. These people resisted, but the associate demanded the information, indicating that they provided this information reluctantly. Can you report back to the Committee provide a response on notice, as to what FWA determines in relation to this alleged incident? What processes are in place for anyone who is aggrieved by procedural matters such as those alleged here and who do you complain to?

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response.

It is not the practice of the associate to Senior Deputy President Acton to request information from persons who enter the public gallery.