

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

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

Agency - Fair Work Australia

DEEWR Question No.EW0074_12

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Reasons For Decisions Given By Fair Work Australia?

Can all parties to the proceedings expect to receive reasons for decisions given by Fair Work Australia? Can a party to proceedings expect to receive full reasons for the decision irrespective of whether they were successful or unsuccessful?

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response.

Section 601 of the Fair Work Act 2009 requires various types of decision to be in writing. Sub-section 601(2) provides that Fair Work Australia may give written reasons. Sub-section 601(4) requires Fair Work Australia to publish a decision and any written reasons for decision. Parties to proceedings are provided with the decision and any written reasons for decision.