

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

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

**Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0258\_12**

**Senator Abetz asked on 30/05/2011, Hansard page 39.**

**Question**

**CEDA Lunch**

Senator ABETZ: Supposedly it was a CEDA lunch... and Fair Work Ombudsman was one of the hosts. I am wondering how much that costs the taxpayer and whose idea it was.

**Answer**

*The Fair Work Ombudsman provided the following response*

The cost of hosting a corporate table at the Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA) event was \$1,463 (GST inclusive).

The decision to host a table at the event was made by the Fair Work Ombudsman, Mr Nicholas Wilson. As outlined by Mr Wilson at the hearing, staff attended the CEDA event in order to maintain an understanding of contemporary issues within Australia.