

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Agency - Fair Work Australia

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Senator Abetz asked on 29 May 2012 , Hansard page 102

Question

FWA - Release of meeting minutes and agendas

Senator ABETZ: Is there any reason now that those minutes cannot be released in full given that you have finished your investigation? With this email, you are saying that now the investigation is over you can release most of it. Is it appropriate to revisit the agendas and also the minutes? Ms O'Neill: I will certainly take that on notice and obtain some advice.

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response:

Since the finalisation of the Investigation into the Health Services Union National Office, Fair Work Australia has reviewed documents sought by Mr Chris Fryar by his 31 August 2011 Freedom of Information request, that were exempt in full or in part under sections 42 and 37(1)(a) of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

Some documents that were previously exempt under section 37(1)(a) have now been released. There are some parts of documents that are now exempt under section 37(2) and continue to be exempt.

Some parts of documents (e.g. parts of HSU Meeting Agendas and Minutes) that were initially exempt pursuant to section 42 (legal professional privilege) remain exempt.

Some parts of documents are exempt because they contain personal information (exempt under s47F).