

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Fair Work Australia

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Senator Abetz asked on 28 May 2012 , Hansard page 23

Question

FWA - all correspondence received from Mr Thomson's solicitors

Senator ABETZ: Can you take on notice to us and provide to us, if you have not already done so, all the correspondence from Mr Thomson's solicitors, the dates they were received, and any telephone calls? Ms O'Neill: Yes. Just to be clear, do you mean over the entire course of the investigation? Senator ABETZ: Yes, please.

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response:

Correspondence:

The Delegate, Mr Terry Nassios has to date received two items of correspondence from Mr Thomson's solicitors, Holding Redlich; a letter received 9 January 2012 and Mr Thomson's response to the Delegate's preliminary findings dated 2 March 2012.

This correspondence has already been provided to the Senate Committee in the form of attachments to the Report of the Investigation into the National Office.

The Office of the General Manager has to date received two letters from Holding Redlich, dated 6 March 2012 and 10 April 2012, respectively.

Telephone Calls:

The Delegate's Executive Coordinator left a message on 11 January 2012 on the telephone of Mr Ian Robertson, Holding Redlich, in relation to correspondence she was about to send to his office in response to their letter of 9 January 2012.

There were two further telephone calls on that date between Fair Work Australia and Holding Redlich regarding the transmission of that correspondence.

The General Manager has not received any telephone calls from Mr Thomson's Solicitors.