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**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEEWR Question No. EW888_09

Senator Abetz asked on Thursday 23 October 2008, EEWHR Hansard pages 21 - 22.

Question

The Safe Work Australia Bill 2008 and the Intergovernmental Agreement for regulatory and operational reform in occupational health and safety (IGA)

Following the discussion on the proposed membership of Safe Work Australia contained in the Safe Work Australia Bill 2008 and in the IGA the question was asked on the importance of the IGA being accurately reflected in the legislation.

“Did you discuss with your state or territory colleagues any precise amendments or any vote of the Senate on those precise amendments prior to the minister making her statement that they would all be rejected?”

Answer

As Minister Ludwig advised at the estimates hearing (refer EEWHR 42) ministerial consultation with states and territories did take place after amendments to the Safe Work Australia Bill 2008 had been moved in the Senate.