

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

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Senator Abetz asked on 20/10/2010, Hansard page 30.

Question

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Senator ABETZ—And have you—and when I say ‘you’ I mean the ombudsman’s office—asked for databases from employer groups? Mr Wilson—I am not aware of a database—are you? Senator ABETZ—I have been told that, yes, you have. When I say ‘you’ I mean— Mr Wilson—You know which association? That might help us to look. Senator ABETZ—Yes I do, because I have the diary note right in front of me from when I visited them, but I will, if need be, get back with a question on notice because I am not necessarily prepared to divulge the association’s name. Senator Chris Evans—I think Mr Wilson’s general answer, Senator, is that he does not think so. But we will certainly take it on notice, and I think the office can check. Clearly if you have a particular association or business that you can alert us to, then that would obviously be helpful. But I understand that you may not want to.

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman has provided the following response:

The Fair Work Ombudsman has in the past approached several industry associations to voluntarily provide contact information for members to assist with educational mail outs during targeted campaigns. The Fair Work Ombudsman sought this information from industry associations who had been identified as key stakeholders in the industry being targeted.