

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

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

Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations

DEEWR Question No.EW0607_11

Senator Abetz asked on 20/10/2010, Hansard page 113.

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No [EW0203 11](#)

Question

**REPRESENTATIONS MADE FOR THE INCLUSION OF SUPERANNUATION
UNDER GEERS**

Senator ABETZ—In response to question 203, you say that unions and other stakeholders have made representations in relation to the inclusion of superannuation. Can you provide on notice a list of those stakeholders and the nature of their representation?

Mr Kovacic—I will do that for you.

Answer

Representations made to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations in relation to the inclusion of superannuation under the General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme (GEERS) are usually in the form of ministerial correspondence.

These representations are made by a variety of stakeholders including individual employee claimants, Members of Parliament on behalf of constituent claimants, unions, local branches of political parties and insolvency practitioners on behalf of employee creditors.

The Australian Manufactures Workers Union, the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union, Unions NSW, the Australian Council of Trade Unions and the Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance are some of the unions and employee associations that have made representations to the Department on behalf of their members to include superannuation as an eligible entitlement payable under GEERS. However, to provide a more definitive list with the specific nature of each representation would involve an unreasonable diversion of the Department's resources.