

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

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

Outcome 4 – Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

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Question

Submission to modern awards review

Senator ABETZ: Who drafted the government's submission to the modern awards review? Mr Kovacic: It was drafted by the department but it was cleared by the minister. Senator ABETZ: Right. Were there substantial changes made to it? Mr Kovacic: I would have to take that on notice. Senator ABETZ: If you could.

Answer

The submission to Fair Work Australia in relation to applications to vary penalty rates in the retail, hospitality, fast food, restaurant and hair and beauty awards was an Australian Government submission. The Government's submission was drafted by DEEWR and cleared by the Office of the Minister for Employment and Workplace relations.