

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

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

Outcome 4 – Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

DEEWR Question No. EW0677_13

Senator Abetz asked on 17 October 2012 , Hansard page 118

Refers to Parliamentary Question No. 1922.

Question

Relates to PQ 1922

Senator ABETZ: Good. I was told, courtesy of parliamentary question No. 1922, the government is currently considering the Howe inquiry report. It was in July I got an answer. Are we still considering? Mr Kovacic: Yes. Senator ABETZ: When do you think we might finish the considering and come up with a response as to whether anything is going to be happening as a result? Mr Kovacic: That is a matter for government, but we will take that on notice. Senator ABETZ: We do not have a timetable? Mr Kovacic: No. Ms Paul: It is a matter for government. Senator ABETZ: Yes, but I am asking about a timetable. Ms Paul: Sorry, no, we do not have a timetable.

Answer

The Department is unable to provide any further information in relation to this matter and refers the Senator to its previous response. The Department confirms that any timetable remains a matter for the Government.