Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000028

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Question

FWO - Seafarers - Number of complaints

Please provide, with dates, for the last three years;

The number of complaints has the Ombudsman received concerning Part B non-payments and NES for foreign seafarers working on the Australian coast over the past three years, noting which come from foreign seafarers,

The number of complaints referred from AMSA; and

The number of complaints received about non-compliance of the national employment standards.

Answer

- 1. Between 1 July 2012 and 31 December 2015, the Fair Work Ombudsman has investigated (or is investigating) 22 matters concerning employees covered by Part B of the Seagoing Industry Award 2010.
- 2. Nil.
- 3. All allegations in the matters investigated relate to wages and conditions, including underpayment of hourly rates and/or non-payment for time worked.