

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy

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Senator Bushby provided in writing.

Question

Ethical Clothing Australia accreditation

How many companies have been accredited per year through Ethical Clothing Australia for each year since its inception?

Answer

Since the Government commenced funding Ethical Clothing Australia (formerly the Homeworkers' Code of Practice) in 2008, there have been a total of 48 new accreditations, 3 in 2008-09, 13 in 2009-10, 23 in 2010-11 and 9 completed in July – December 2011. As at 31 December 2011, 494 suppliers are represented in the supply chain/s of accredited manufacturers.

This does not include re-accreditations (accredited companies must seek re-accreditation annually to maintain accreditation) or participation in the program by signatory retailers.