

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

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

**Agency - Fair Work Australia**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0280\_11**

**Senator Abetz asked on 1/06/2010, Hansard page 101.**

**Question**

Senator ABETZ—Are you able to provide us—and I would assume you would take this on notice—with the number that were lodged before 1 January 2010 and how many are still awaiting their assessment? Mr Giudice—We could take that on notice. Senator ABETZ—Thank you for that. Then, if you could let us know as well, with applications or agreements lodged after 1 January 2010, are they in general terms experiencing a similar delay? Mr Giudice—I could not really answer that without looking at the figures. Senator ABETZ—If you could take that on notice for me, I would be much obliged.

**Answer**

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response:

Of the 3,825 single enterprise applications lodged before 1 January 2010, 3,528 were finalised as at 30 June 2010. The median time taken from lodgment to finalisation was 48 days.

The median time taken from lodgment to finalisation for single enterprise agreements lodged on and from 1 January 2010 was 20 days.