

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

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

Outcome 4 – Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

industrial disputes

1) What was the number of working days lost to industrial disputes in: a) 2000 b) 2001 c) 2002 d) 2003 e) 2004 f) 2005 g) 2006 h) 2007 i) 2008 j) 2009 k) 2010 l) 2011 m) 2012

Answer

For the period 2000 to 2011 annual working days lost due to industrial disputes are presented in the table below.

Table 1: Working days lost due to industrial disputes 2000-2011

Year	Working days lost due to industrial disputes ('000)
2000	469.1
2001	393.1
2002	259.1
2003	439.5
2004	379.8
2005	228.2
2006	132.7
2007	49.7
2008	196.6
2009	132.7
2010	126.6
2011	241.5

Source: ABS Industrial Disputes, Australia (Cat No 6321.0.55.001).

For the year 2012 only the March quarter data are available. For this quarter working days lost are presented in the following table.

Table 2: Working days lost due to industrial disputes March quarter 2012

Year	Working days lost due to industrial disputes ('000)
2012 March quarter	35.8

Source: ABS Industrial Disputes, Australia (Cat No 6321.0.55.001).