

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

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

**Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0182\_13**

**Senator Abetz asked on 28 May 2012 , Hansard page 52**

**Question**

**FWO - Complaints received regarding sham contracting**

Senator ABETZ: With the complaints, are you able to tell us whether they are largely received from individuals or from organisations? Mr Lehn: I do not have the breakdown of those figures on hand. Senator ABETZ: Is that relatively easily obtainable? Mr Lehn: It should be. Mr Wilson: We think it should be. Senator ABETZ: Take it on notice if it is not too difficult.

**Answer**

*The Fair Work Ombudsman has provided the following response.*

The Fair Work Ombudsman has received 195 allegations of sham contracting since 1 January 2012 (to 20 June 2012). Three of these allegations were received from organisations, an additional 50 were initiated by the Fair Work Ombudsman (ie. targeted audits), with 142 coming from individuals.