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Senator RYAN—And this is one of the reasons I was interested at looking at the contracts, to look at this information that can be disclosed. I will move on quickly as I appreciate others have questions. Do you know of any businesses that have received multiple visits out of those 19,478? Have they all been single visits? Have some areas or businesses been subjected to, shall we say, more gracious attention from some of our state government agencies? Mr Scully—I believe there has been no doubling up, but I do not have a list here of the 20,000 that have been undertaken, so I will check that. Senator RYAN—If you are aware of doubling up, I would appreciate it if you let me know. Mr Scully—I am not aware of it, but I will check.

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman has provided the following response:

Of the 19,478 Transitional Educational Visits completed between 1 January and 30 September 2010, 17have beenidentified as double up visits.

The state by state breakdown of the double up visits is as follows:

New South Wales	South Australia	Queensland
3	3	11

The Transitional Educational Visits have been conducted across a range of metropolitan and regional locations. A business may be chosen to receive a Transitional Educational Visit because it is located in aparticular area, for example, a rural district or suburb of a city, or because it belongs to a particular industry, such as retail or manufacturing.

As some businesses in targeted locations may also belong to a targeted industry, a very low number of businesses have received double up visits.