Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

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Question

INSULATION INSTALLERS

Senator FISHER—So you contacted 7,400 installers on 15 April saying, 'We are going to audit.' What was the hit rate, if I can use that term, in terms of success in contacting those approximately 7,400 employers? Mr Ronson—I am just seeing whether I have that information in front of me. I may have to take that on notice. I believe we have that information. Senator FISHER—What is your gut feel, Mr Ronson? Did you find that most of them existed or were some of them non-contactable—number no longer connected, not at these premises, scarpered overnight with taxpayers' money rebated by the government? Mr Ronson—Because I do not have that information in front of me I will not attempt to give you my feel, but the report is due soon and that information will be covered in the report.

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman has provided the following response:

7396 enterprises were sent the Insulation Installers Audit Program email notification. 4112 (55.6%) opened the email.

591 enterprises were selected to be targeted for audit.