

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
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Dear Committee Secretary,

The Fair Work Ombudsman, Mr Nicholas Wilson, has asked me to write to you regarding a correction to information supplied in the recent Senate Estimates hearing.

On 19 October 2011 the Fair Work Ombudsman appeared before the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee for the Supplementary Senate Estimates hearing. In relation to questions about the Ballina Island Resort matter, the Fair Work Ombudsman advised that the fine handed down to the company by the Federal Magistrates Court had not yet been paid. Please refer to Hansard, 19 October, page 48 where Mr Wilson said the "fine has not been paid yet".

It has come to the attention of the Fair Work Ombudsman that this is incorrect. The fine has been paid by Ballina Island Resort and this payment was received on 25 August 2011. Mr Wilson apologises for this error and any inconvenience caused.

If you would like to discuss this matter or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Director - Parliamentary Policy, Ms Emma Bradford, on (03) 9954 2655 or emma.bradford@fwo.gov.au. Please confirm with Ms Bradford when this correction is actioned.

Yours sincerely



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Fair Work Ombudsman
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