

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

#### **Agency - Fair Work Commission**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000027**

**Senator Lines asked on 26 February 2015 on proof Hansard page 35**

#### **Question**

##### **FWC - Annual return lodgement compliance**

Senator LINES: How many registered organisations out of that 110—let us use your figure, Mr Enright—are compliant with the reporting requirements?

Ms O'Neill: As Mr Enright indicated, it is not just a question of the 110 organisations—

Senator LINES: No, there are 300-odd—

Ms O'Neill: it is the reporting units.

Senator LINES: Yes.

Ms O'Neill: If your question is: how many reporting units or entities that are required to lodge returns are currently outstanding—

Senator LINES: No, the question is: how many are compliant?

Ms O'Neill: The reverse of that. I am not sure that we have those numbers with us. We would have to take that on notice.

Senator LINES: Thank you.

Mr Enright: I am just not sure in terms of 'compliant'. It is when an organisation lodges an annual return that we are currently talking about.

Senator LINES: Yes.

Mr Enright: There might be some ongoing discussion about that; there might not be.

Senator LINES: It is getting the return in that I am interested in.

Ms O'Neill: The question that I have taken on notice, just to be clear, as I understand it, is this: how many entities, whether they are organisations or reporting units, have lodged their annual returns on time in the 2013-14 financial year?

Senator LINES: Yes. Thank you

#### **Answer**

For the financial year 2013–14, 197 out of 207 annual return entities lodged their Annual Returns within the statutory lodgment period. That represents a voluntary compliance rate of 95 per cent.