

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015

Agency - Fair Work Commission

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000029

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Question

FWC - Number of bullying claims

Senator LINES: Fair enough. I want to talk for a moment about Labor's anti-bullying laws. How many bullying claims have been lodged since the most recent reforms were enacted?

Ms O'Neill: In the first 12 months of the jurisdiction—that is from 1 January last year to 31 December—701 applications were lodged with the tribunal.

Senator LINES: Are you able to break that down into monthly figures for us?

Ms O'Neill: I believe we provided an answer to a question on notice for the monthly breakdown at the last estimates hearings, which takes us to June—

Senator LINES: Could you provide that again?

Ms O'Neill: If you want monthly breakdowns from July to December—

Senator LINES: Yes.

Ms O'Neill: I can take that on notice.

Senator LINES: Thank you very much, Ms O'Neill. Are those numbers manageable?

Ms O'Neill: Yes.

Answer

The Fair Work Commission received 701 applications for an order to stop bullying between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2014. The table below provides a breakdown of applications lodged by month.

Month	Number of Applications lodged
January	43
February	43
March	65
April	64
May	68
June	60
July	61
August	71
September	57
October	55
November	66
December	48
Total	701