

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Agency - Fair Work Commission

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Question

FWC - Regularity of refusal to grant permits

Senator SINODINOS: You may have alluded to this in one of your previous answers, but how often does the commission refuse to grant any kind of permit to a person who applies for one? Maybe you can take that one on notice.

Mr Enright: I will take that on notice. In 2014, I am reasonably confident that three permits were refused. There may have been a similar number in the previous year.

Answer

The following table is provided identifying the number of entry permits refused by the Fair Work Commission since the introduction of the *Fair Work Act* 2009.

In 2009	0 applications for right of entry permits were refused;
In 2010	3 applications for right of entry permits were refused;
In 2011	0 applications for right of entry permits were refused;
In 2012	5 applications for right of entry permits were refused;
In 2013	3 applications for a right of entry permit were refused;
In 2014	3 applications for a right of entry permit were refused.
In 2015	2 applications for a right of entry permit were refused (up to 16 April 2015)

Decisions concerning refusal of right of entry permits can be viewed on the Fair Work Commission website at: www.fwc.gov.au/index.cfm?pagename=cdrdeldecisions.

On occasion, an application for a right of entry permit may be withdrawn, superseded or discontinued. Information regarding such applications is not included in the above table.