

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

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman**

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**Senator Cameron asked on 02 June 2015 on proof Hansard page 52**

#### **Question**

##### **FWO - 457 monitoring**

Senator CAMERON: I come back to the 457 monitoring. What resources do you allocate to that program?

Ms James: We have an overseas workers team. That team has, last I checked, about 17 people in it. That is the team that is responsible for overseeing. I think it carries out all the monitoring as well?

Mr Campbell: It is supported by our regional network as well.

Ms James: The overseas workers team is the hub of expertise, if you like. We also have a number of staff in regional offices who participate in this monitoring.

Senator CAMERON: So there are 17 in the overseas team?

Ms James: That is right.

Senator CAMERON: So where are they based?

Ms James: They are based all over the country. Mr Campbell had a go at this a couple of Mondays ago.

Mr Campbell: They are based in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. That is where the majority would be. There may be one or two outside of that, but that is where the majority are—and one in Darwin at the

Senator CAMERON: So none in Western Australia?

Mr Campbell: Sorry, one in Perth too. Can I get you a breakdown on notice of where they are?

Senator CAMERON: Yes. There are 17 of them. That is fine. Thanks for that.

#### **Answer**

The staff of the Fair Work Ombudsman's Overseas Workers Team are located across Australia at offices in Adelaide, Brisbane, Bunbury, Darwin, Melbourne and Sydney. This team is supported in their 457 visa monitoring work by the full network of Fair Work Ombudsman inspectors in 23 locations.