

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000180

Senator Cameron asked on 02 June 2015 on proof Hansard page 54

Question

FWO - Figures of small businesses

Ms James:What I would say is the huge majority—around 80 per cent—of the matters that come to us we resolve through dispute resolution and mediation. Many of those matters probably do involve small businesses. We work with the parties to try to work out what has gone on and get them to a point where they are comfortable with a proposal, for example, for a repayment of an underpayment—that is probably our most common matter—without the use of any of our formal enforcement tools. I will take on notice whether I can give you a figure on how many are small businesses.

Answer

See EMSQ15-000179.