

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

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000810**

**Senator Cameron asked on 06 May 2016 on proof Hansard page 86**

#### **Question**

##### **FWO - Young Workers' Team**

Senator CAMERON: How many people are in your Young Workers' Team?

Ms James: I know you are in a hurry, so if you do not mind, I will take that on notice, because I think I have figures about complaints and the like but not about actual staff in that team.

Senator CAMERON: Really? Does anyone know?

Ms James: I do not think we have that with us.

Senator CAMERON: Where are your Young Workers' teams based?

Ms James: All our compliance teams are distributed throughout the country. We would have members of the Young Workers' teams in Melbourne, Sydney and a number of other metropolitan and perhaps even regional offices.

Senator CAMERON: Can you provide on notice what they actually do?

Ms James: Absolutely.

#### **Answer**

As at 31 August 2016, the Fair Work Ombudsman's Young Workers Team comprised 12 dedicated team members. Staff are based in Melbourne and Sydney and are supplemented by Inspectors across the national operational network as required.

The Young Workers Team is responsible for leading high-profile investigations and inquiries predominantly involving the employment of apprentices, trainees and junior workers. Investigations are coordinated nationally with the deployment of compliance and enforcement activities in various geographical locations.