

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

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

#### **Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004044**

**Senator Abetz asked on 29 May 2017 on proof Hansard page 107**

#### **Question**

##### **Fair Work Ombudsman grants**

Senator ABETZ: Thank you. Is it true that the Fair Work Ombudsman received just \$2.7 million to help explain the Fair Work laws in comparison to the \$10 million received by the ACTU's education foundation—so-called?

Ms Parker: On the money to the Fair Work Ombudsman, we will have to take that on notice. I am not aware of what they received. These are just our external grants.

#### **Answer**

The government provided \$29.3 million (including GST) to fund education activities related to the Fair Work laws, of which approximately \$16.7 million assisted employers and industry organisations and approximately \$12.6 million assisted employee organisations.

Approximately \$6.8 million of the funding for employers and industry organisations was delivered through the Fair Work Ombudsman and the balance (approximately \$9.8 million) was through funding agreements administered by the Department (under the Fair Work Education and Information program).