

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

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

**Agency - Fair Work Commission**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004124**

**Senator McKenzie asked on 30 May 2017 on proof Hansard page 24**

#### **Question**

#### **FWC - Employee organisations**

CHAIR: .....there are a number of questions I want to put on notice, including the number of times an employee organisation is sought to provide submissions and—I bet you know the answer, Mr Furlong—how many times of an employer organisation.

Mr Furlong: I would not hazard a guess. I will take that on notice.

#### **Answer**

The Fair Work Commission (Commission) does not keep a separate record of the number of times employee and employer organisations have identified an application online and consequently sought to be heard in the matter. Requests of this nature are routinely received by email in a particular matter rather than a separate form being lodged and captured in the Commission's case management system.

A manual audit of emails received between 1 April 2017 and 8 June 2017 has been undertaken to identify instances where employee or employer organisations requested documents for agreements they have located online through the agreements-in-progress page of the Commission's website.

There were 41 requests (5.5%) from employee organisations out of a total of 745 enterprise agreement approval applications lodged and published on the agreements-in-progress page during this period.

There were no instances during this period where employer organisations requested documentation relating to agreements.