

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004140

Senator Cameron asked on 30 May 2017 on proof Hansard page 45

Question

FWO - Turmoil workers remuneration

Senator CAMERON: So 61 workers were getting paid \$1.25 an hour?

Mr Campbell: No, there are a range of hourly rates that they were paid, but some of them were as low as \$1.25.

Senator CAMERON: What was the range?

Mr Campbell: Can I take that on notice for you so that I get it right? It is varied, but I can get the detail for you on notice.

Senator CAMERON: Does any of that range meet the requirements of the modern award or were they all under the modern award?

Mr Campbell: Let me check those facts for you, but, because there are a range, there might have been some circumstances where an individual received what would have been the minimum for an hour or so. It is better that I just check those facts. Because they are before the courts, I do not want to contradict what we are saying.

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO) has alleged that:

- employees of Transpetrol TM were paid base rates of between \$0.695 and \$11.98 per hour;
- the employees were covered by either the *Seagoing Industry Award 2010* or the *National Minimum Wage Order*, and
- none of the employees of Transpetrol TM were paid hourly rates in accordance with these instruments.