Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000397

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

FWO - Labour hire companies

How many of the companies you have engaged with this financial year and previous financial years have been labour hire or on-hire companies? (eg the labour hire companies engaged by Baiada, Howsgoingmate, in the Stanthorpe Region)

What has been the basis for your engagement with those companies?

What education activities have you undertaken with those companies?

What compliance activities have you engaged in?

What enforcement activities have you engaged in?

What is the prevalence of labour hire operators in your education/compliance/enforcement activities – does it take up 10%, 50% of your time?

Of the labour hire or on-hire companies you have investigated in the last financial year, what proportion of them were using labour on temporary work visas? (student visas, working holiday visas or 457 visas)

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman does not require information to be recorded about whether businesses we engage with are labour hire companies.