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Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

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Question

FWO - number of survey invitations

Senator CAMERON: How can you say this is the end of the spectrum when, of 4,000 responses, 66 per cent said they were taken advantage of? This is not end of the spectrum stuff—is it?

Ms James: Sixty-six per cent felt they would be taken advantage of. I do not want to be dismissive of what they felt, but it is a survey, and I think the stories and the reputation are not helping. I am also conscious that—

CHAIR: On Senator Cameron's—

Senator CAMERON: She is not finished.

CHAIR: Do you have more to add, Ms James?

Ms James: No, I am okay.

CHAIR: Of the just over 4,000 responses, how many invitations to the survey did you send out? What percentage of the total reach was—

Ms James: Can we take that on notice? It is actually in the report.

Answer

As part of the Fair Work Ombudsman's 417 Working Holiday Visa Inquiry, a survey was emailed to 43,219 individuals who had been granted a second year 417 visa in the 2013-2014 financial year.

The survey had a response rate of 9.4%, with 4,056 individual responses received.