

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000884

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Question

FWO - Apprenticeship resources

Senator CAMERON: Could you, on notice, provide details of any further resources you need or any legislative issues that you have identified that need to be dealt with to stop the rip-offs of these vulnerable apprentices? I have some other questions, which I will put on notice. Thank you.

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO) has achieved strong enforcement results within existing budget allocations with respect to vulnerable workers through prioritising these cohorts within our operational model. The FWO reiterates previous comments made before the Committee that if it were provided with enhanced resources it could achieve more. The FWO welcomes the Government's commitment to increase the FWO's budget by \$20 million over four years.