

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Dismissal Codes Small Business

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 30 May 2011, E85)

**QUESTION No.:** BI-31

**Senator RYAN:** ..... Would it surprise you to learn that to the three months to 31 March there were 609 applications to Fair Work Australia by aggrieved parties about the use of the unfair dismissal code, effectively appealing against the decision by an employer to dismiss them consistent with the code? Would that surprise you to learn there was that number?

**Senator Sherry:** I do not know whether what you say is a matter of fact or not. I am happy to take it on notice and check whether it is fact or not. Let us assume it is. Beyond that, I could not make any observations until I had looked at the figures and looked at the data.

**ANSWER**

Please refer to the answer to BI-29.