

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

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Senator Cash asked on 10/02/2010, Hansard page 33.

Question

PROSECUTIONS

Senator CASH—Do you have any figures in relation to the number that have been settled prior to actually going to court? Are you able to provide the committee with those figures? Mr Wilson—We will provide that on notice. Just by clarification, you are interested in the matters where we have commenced litigation and then withdrawn it? Senator CASH—Correct, and then a settlement has occurred.

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman has provided the following response:

Of the 231 litigations commenced by the Fair Work Ombudsman and its predecessor agencies, 13 have been withdrawn.

Of the matters withdrawn, 12 were subject to settlements with 8 involving payment of monies to claimants as a term of settlement.