

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

Agency - Fair Work Australia

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Senator Abetz asked on 23/02/2011, Hansard page 51.

Question

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN EACH BRANCH OF FWA

Senator ABETZ—Understood, and as I said with the Ombudsman’s report, the fault may well lie in my office. I was just wanting to track that down. If I can go through the report briefly, on page 7 we are told, under the heading ‘1.8 Staff’—and, Mr Lee, you might be able to assist us with that—that there are various branches in Fair Work Australia, including an unfair dismissals branch. Is that correct? Mr Lee—That is correct. Senator ABETZ—And then we are told that there is further information on pages, I think, 42 and 45 in relation to detailed statistics, but I do not think that those detailed statistics tell us how many are employed in each branch or, if we are told that, I have missed it, and can you draw my attention— Mr Lee—How many staff are employed in each branch? Senator ABETZ—Yes. I do not think that is included in pages 42 and 45. Mr Lee—It may not be, but— Senator ABETZ—Yes. A lot of other very interesting and detailed information is. I am just wondering if you could please take on notice for me, then, to supply how many are employed in each branch. Mr Lee—I am happy to do that.

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response.

The break-up by branch of the 301 staff reported in the Annual report as at 30 June 2010 is:

Branch	Staff Number as at 30 June 2010
Executive	3
Communications	7
Tribunal Services and Organisations	140
Unfair Dismissals	40
Minimum Wage and Research	20
Award Modernisation and Contact Centre	37
Corporate Services	54
Total	301