

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

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

**Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0765\_11**

**Senator Fisher asked on 23/02/2011, Hansard page 37.**

**Question**

**ACCRUED LEAVE**

Senator Chris Evans—We are dealing with the percentage of employees that have retired or resigned from organisations that may be covered by those modern awards. I suspect we are talking about relatively small numbers of people. Then we are dealing with a subset of those employers who then refuse to comply with their obligations. Senator FISHER—Not many would have been made redundant in the fallout from the GFC? Senator Chris Evans—We were very lucky that very few were made redundant compared to many other industrialised countries..... Senator Chris Evans—I can get the officers to take you through who would be affected if you like. Senator FISHER—On notice would be good, because I have taken a lot of time. .... Senator FISHER—On notice, could the Ombudsman expand the figures to which the minister is referring? They will be hypothetical but since the minister is making an assertion based on those figures, I would ask you to do that.

**Answer**

*The Fair Work Ombudsman has provided the following response.*

The Fair Work Ombudsman is unable to provide specific or estimated numbers or percentages in relation to the affect of the global financial crisis as no data is collected on the number of employees who left employment and what their entitlements were at that time.