SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING 30, 31 MAY and 3 JUNE 2005

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Office of the Employment Advocate

Question Number: W254-06

Question:

Senator Marshall provided in writing:

How many complaints did you receive in 2004-05? How did you categorise the complaints in 2004-05? How many complaints were recorded in each category in 2004-05?

Answer:

As at 6 May 2005 there had been 301 complaints received in 2004/05

Complaints were categorised by type:

AWA

breach	143	47.5%
coercion	19	6.3%
false declaration	12	4.0%
genuine consent	47	15.6%
information	24	8.0%
No disadvantage test issues	14	4.7%
no explanation	3	1.0%
number of days	6	2.0%
not filed/approved	6	2.0%
Total AWA	274	91.0%

Freedom of Association (FOA)

Total Complaints	301	100.0%
Total FOA	27	9.0%
resignation not accepted	3	1.0%
right of entry	1	0.3%
no jurisdiction	8	2.7%
union preference	1	0.3%
no ticket no start	1	0.3%
membership discrimination	1	0.3%
industrial action compulsion	1	0.3%
general	8	2.7%
anti-union	1	0.3%
agreement type	2	0.7%