EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Agency Workplace Ombudsman

DEEWR Question No. EW064_09

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Workplace Authority

Has any compensation been paid to employees employed under agreements that failed or required to be amended? If yes, how many employees?

Answer

The Workplace Ombudsman has provided the following response:

As of 4 July 2008, the Workplace Ombudsman has recovered \$1,033,155 in compensation on behalf of 5,928 employees employed under agreements that were referred to the Workplace Ombudsman by the Workplace Authority.

The Workplace Ombudsman has developed a specialised centre in Adelaide, the Client Service Centre, to handle the work generated from Fairness Test referrals from the Workplace Authority.