

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0609\_13**

**Senator Abetz asked on 17 October 2012 , Hansard page 35**

*“Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW0182\_13”.*

**Question**

**FWO - relates to EW0182\_13 - breakdown of allegations of sham contracting**

Senator ABETZ: Good, thank you. Can I move to answer No. 182. That was in relation to allegations of sham contracting. We had 195. I am just asking if we can have a breakdown of those at this stage, if we are able to, as to how many were dismissed and how many are on the road to prosecution. Mr O'Shea: We do not have the breakdown for the 195. Senator ABETZ: Can you take that on notice? Thank you

**Answer**

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

As at 23 October 2012, of the 195 sham contracting matters which the Fair Work Ombudsman worked on from the period 1 January 2012 to 20 June 2012:

- 11 allegations are ongoing investigations;
- 173 allegations did not result in findings of sham contracting arrangements;  
and
- 11 allegations were sustained and are being litigated.