

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Agency - Fair Work Commission

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Question

FWC - Members considering applications for approval

Senator CAMERON: How many commissioners or deputy presidents—I am not sure what you call them now—do you have available who would normally deal with agreements?

Ms O'Neill: There are 40 members of the commission at present. In terms of the allocation of work to approve enterprise agreements, the numbers and individuals change from time to time. I do not have with me at the moment the precise number of members that are presently considering applications for approval of agreements, but I am happy to take that on notice.

Answer

All Members of the Fair Work Commission (Commission) have the capacity to approve enterprise agreements. At present, the majority of single enterprise agreement approval applications and greenfields agreement approval applications are dealt with by 11 Commission Members who have the primary responsibility for dealing with these applications.