

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Agency - Fair Work Commission

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Question

FWC - Applications to terminate agreements

Senator CAMERON: This year have you had, applications to terminate agreements?

Ms O'Neill: I do not have that information; I do not have information about that. I am happy to take that on notice. I have been advised that in 2015-16 there were a total of 403 applications to terminate enterprise agreements across all industries.

Answer

From 1 July 2016 to 2 March 2017 there were 260 applications for approval to terminate enterprise agreements. Of this total:

- 66 applications were made pursuant to section 222 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (FW Act) for approval of a termination of an enterprise agreement, requiring the majority of employees to vote to approve the termination.
- 194 applications were made pursuant to section 225 of the FW Act for termination of an agreement after its nominal expiry date.