

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

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Question

FWO - Construction industry campaign - enforcement actions

Senator CAMERON: I have a quick one before we go to the main issues here. Back in 2015 you carried out the national construction industry campaign report on apprentices. Remember that?

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Ms McAlary-Smith: Enforcement action with respect to those businesses.

Senator CAMERON: How many enforcement actions have you undertaken?

Ms McAlary-Smith: I would need to take that on notice, specifically for those ones coming out of that campaign.

Senator

Answer

The National Building and Construction Campaign 2015 recovered \$259,155 in underpayments from 96 businesses on behalf of 201 employees including \$69,785 recovered for 194 apprentices (over one quarter of all monies recovered). No formal enforcement action was required to recover the underpayments identified.

Full results for the National Building and Construction Campaign 2015 are published in the campaign report on the Fair Work Ombudsman's website at <http://www.fairwork.gov.au/how-we-will-help/helping-the-community/campaigns/campaign-reports>.