

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0120\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**FWO - Existing resources**

"1. Since 7 September how many major projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'? 2. List each project or piece of work 3. List the staffing assigned to each task 4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project? 5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project? "

**Answer**

All election commitments will be accommodated within the Fair Work Ombudsman's existing budget.

The election commitments are able to be accommodated within the Fair Work Ombudsman's existing priorities.

The Small Business Helpline was set up within the existing Fair Work Infoline using existing resources. The Fair Work Ombudsman spent a total of \$26,127.28 on advertising for the launch of the Small Business Helpline.

<b>Fair Work Ombudsman implementation of Government Election Commitments</b>	
<b>Election commitment</b>	<b>Status</b>
Small Business Helpline	Launched on 6 December 2013
Small business immunity (from FWO prosecution where error not deliberate and the employer had sought FWO advice on Small Business Helpline)	Launched on 6 December 2013
Guide to hiring new employees	Launched on 25 March 2014
Small Business Wages App	Due to be launched in early 2015