

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

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Question

FWO - National Campaign

Senator CAMERON: Okay. If you can provide on notice what that process is. Ms James: About the national campaign? Senator CAMERON: On notice, what the national campaign is going to involve, how much resources, both financial and human resources, you are allocating to the campaign and what engagement you are having with both government and external organisations.

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman will commence an apprentice and trainee national campaign in the 2014-15 financial year.

The campaign will involve the assessment of 700 businesses from across a range of industry sectors around Australia who employ apprentices and trainees. The campaign will focus on employment practices, rates of pay, penalty rates, overtime, casual engagements, progression of apprentices, and record keeping/payslips.

The Fair Work Ombudsman will engage with industry parties and relevant government bodies in establishing, and throughout the duration of the campaign. Industry parties will include registered training organisations, state training authorities and Australian Apprenticeship Centres.

The Fair Work Ombudsman has a national campaigns team. As at 31 March 2014, the campaigns team had 40 staff. Additional staff from a number of other areas within the Fair Work Ombudsman will also be involved in the campaign.