

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2014-2015

#### Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EM0804\_15

Senator Cameron asked on 2 June 2014 on proof Hansard page 7

#### Question

##### **FWO - Government priorities**

Senator CAMERON: In terms of these priorities, can you also take on notice what resources you have set aside to implement the government's political agenda—that is, its promises and where you are up to in delivering those promises. What is the fourth one that you have forgotten about? Ms James: I am happy to talk to that, if you would like. Senator CAMERON: No, take it on notice. I am sure you would be happy to talk about how good you are doing in the work you are doing for the minister, but it is not my priority this morning. If you could take it on notice, that would be good.

#### 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