

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Agency - Fair Work Commission

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Question

FWC - RSRT - Number of submissions made

Senator WILLIAMS: It has been reported that around 800 owner-driver businesses made submissions to this proceeding. Can you find out how many made submissions? Do we know that, Ms Clarke?

Ms Clarke: The exact number we will have to take on notice. It was in the vicinity of—

Senator WILLIAMS: I have said 'around 800'. You might be able to take that on notice and let us know

Answer

The Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal (RSRT) received 818 written submissions and nearly 60 written comments on the written submissions.

These submissions were made in response to directions the RSRT issued for all persons and bodies affected by a variation to the *Contractor Driver Minimum Payments Road Safety Remuneration Order 2016*, based on the draft variation it issued, to make written submission to the RSRT for its consideration on the draft variation and for written comments on the written submissions.

In order to determine how many of these submissions were made by owner-drivers, Fair Work Commission staff would need to complete company searches for each written submission and comment received, or contact the individual parties to confirm their status. This would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.