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TOPIC: Dismissal codes small business

REFERENCE: Question on Notice (Hansard, 30 May 2011, E85)

QUESTION No.: BI-34

Senator RYAN: You would be concerned that basically one-third of one per cent of decisions being made about small businesses pursuant to the code instituted by your government are being upheld. That has to reflect a problem with the code, unless you are assuming there is some sort of conspiracy of small business to breach it. Part of the problem here may not only be the substance but also the difficulty of compliance.

Senator Sherry: I am happy to look at the statistics that you pointed to. But beyond that, as I say, I think the government's unfair dismissal laws strike the right balance. But I am happy to take it on notice and look at the statistics and see if we can give you a response

ANSWER

Please refer to the answer to BI-32.