

## Senate Standing Committee on Economics

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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**Question No:** BET 66

**Topic:** ATO workplace absences – compared to APS

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**Senator Cormann asked:**

**Senator CORMANN:** How does that compare with the average across the Public Service?

**Ms Granger:** We were above that and we are working on bringing it back down.

**Senator CORMANN:** So the average is around 10, is it not?

**Ms Granger:** I am sorry, but I just do not have the figures with me, so I will need to confirm that.

**Answer:**

The State of the Service Report 2009-10 section on levels of workplace absence categorises the ATO as a large agency.

The median absence rate for the group of large agencies was 12.6 days per employee. The Australian Public Service median was 10.5 days per employee.<sup>1</sup>

The ATO's average rate of unplanned workplace absence was 16.23 days per full time equivalent. In the group of large agencies the average rate of workplace absence per employee was between 14.0 and 23.5 days.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Australian Public Service Commission, *2009-10 State of the Service Report*, page 30