

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

Agency - Fair Work Australia

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Senator Abetz asked on 23/02/2011, Hansard page 53.

Question

LENGTH OF TIME BETWEEN END OF HEARING AND DECISION

Senator ABETZ—Ms O'Neill, are we able to access the average length of time between the last day of the hearing of a matter and a decision being handed down? Would that be available from the records of Fair Work Australia? Ms O'Neill—I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response.

For s.394 applications, for the period 1 July 2010 to 31 January 2011 the average number of days taken between the last day or receipt of final submissions and the publication of a decision/order in relation to arbitrated proceedings is 43 days.