

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

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

**Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0770\_11**

**Senator Fisher asked on 23/02/2011, Hansard page 35.**

**Question**

**NUMBER OF INQUIRIES AND THE NUMBER OF CLAIMS (REGARDING LEAVE  
LOADING)**

Senator FISHER—This is to some extent premature because I presume you will now start to get inquiries about this issue following publicity, but, on notice, can you provide the committee with the number of inquiries you have about this issue and the number of claims that you will then go on to deal with, made in respect of, or on behalf of, various employees. Perhaps you can provide that at various stages, given that we are talking about the future.

**Answer**

*The Fair Work Ombudsman has provided the following response.*

From 1 January 2010 until 28 February 2011 the Fair Work Infoline recorded 26,416 enquiries about annual leave.

From 1 January 2010 until 28 February 2011, the Fair Work Infoline recorded 111,997 enquiries in relation to termination of employment. The enquiries recorded as 'termination of employment' include calls in relation to payment in lieu of notice, redundancy, severance and general termination enquiries.

For this period, the Fair Work Infoline enquiry database did not record enquiries about annual leave loading in isolation.