

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

**Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman**

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**Senator Abetz asked on 15 February 2012 , Hansard page 47**

**Question**

**FWO - Discrimination based on political opinion**

Senator ABETZ: Just out of interest, political opinion is two per cent on this pie chart. Have we had any follow-up investigations in relation to any of those? Mr Lehn: I would have to take that on notice. I do recall that we have investigated at least one of those particular matters.

**Answer**

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

Twenty-five complaints (or two percent of all discrimination related complaints) were received alleging discrimination on the basis of Political Opinion in the 2010 – 2011 financial year. Of these, twenty did not proceed to investigation and five did proceed to investigation.

Of the five complaints that proceeded to investigation, three were 'not sustained' and two were withdrawn by the Complainant.