

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

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

**Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman**

**DEEWR Question No. EW1088\_12**

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

**Question**

**FWO - Number of allegations of discrimination based on political opinion**

Senator ABETZ: The percentage pie chart is interesting, but what are the raw numbers? Is that shown somewhere? Mr Wilson: Not in the annual report. Senator ABETZ: Could you take on notice what the actual raw numbers of the allegations are? Mr Wilson: Yes.

**Answer**

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

The Fair Work Ombudsman received the following complaints of alleged discrimination in the 2010/2011 financial year:

<b>Alleged discrimination grounds</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Age	152	13%
Colour	22	2%
Family or Carers Responsibilities	137	12%
Marital Status	15	1%
National Extraction	18	2%
No attribute identified	164	14%
Physical or Mental Disability	231	20%
Political Opinion	25	2%
Pregnancy	96	8%
Race	133	11%
Religion	12	1%
Sex	90	8%
Sexual Preference	23	2%
Social Origin	53	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>100%</b>