

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

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Question

FWO - Number of building audits in Victoria

Senator CAMERON: How many of the building businesses that have been audited are in Victoria? How many building industries do you have? Mr Ronson: I would not be able to answer that. I would need to take that question on notice. Senator CAMERON: Can you take that on notice. Mr Ronson: Just to clarify your first question, are you after the number of entities—employing entities or potential entities—in the domestic building industry in Victoria? Senator CAMERON: Yes. In broad terms, how many do you think you have to deal with?

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman does not collect data on numbers of employing entities in the domestic building and construction industry.

Data obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics indicates that at the end of the 2011-12 financial year (when the Fair Work Ombudsman's Victorian Domestic Building Industry Apprenticeship Audit Program was conducted) the number of employing entities in Victoria operating in the domestic building and construction industry¹ was 16,987.

¹ Domestic building industry in this context includes the following ANZSIC categories: Residential building construction (which includes House Construction) and Building Structure Services (which includes Concreting Services, Bricklaying Services, Roofing Services, Structural Steel Erection Services, Plastering and Ceiling Services, Carpentry Services, Tiling and Carpeting Services, Painting and Decorating Services and Glazing Services).