

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION  
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
30 ,31 MAY and 3 JUNE 2005**

**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL REGISTRY**

**Question Number: W383-06**

**Question:**

Senator Marshall asked in writing:

Please detail the number of cases that have been resolved by the AIRC at both conciliation and arbitration stages from 1996 to 2004 (detailed by year).

**Answer:**

<b>PQoN 332 - Termination of employment matters resolved by the AIRC by conciliation and arbitration</b>				
<b>Period</b>	<b>Finalised at or prior to conciliation</b>	<b>Finalised prior to arbitrated orders</b>	<b>Substantive arbitration</b>	<b>Total Finalised</b>
1996-97**				
1997-98	5582	1216	543	7341
1998-99	6218	1382	206	7806
1999-00	5990	1199	236	7425
2000-01	6096	1422	291	7809
2001-02	6719	1648	291	8658
2002-03	5876	1209	241	7326
2003-04	5763	1139	223	7125
<b>Total</b>	<b>42244</b>	<b>9215</b>	<b>2031</b>	<b>53490</b>

\*\* Transition between IR Act 1988 & WROLA 1996

Between 1 July and 30 December 1996 (IR Act 1988): 7,378 employment termination applications were lodged; the Commission settled 3,146 matters through conciliation; the commission referred 351 matters to consent arbitration; the Commission referred 2,072 matters to the Industrial Relations Court of Australia for hearing; 68 matters were discontinued; and 1,237 matters were withdrawn prior to conciliation.

**Between 31 December 1996 and 30 June 1997 (WROLA 1996): 3,243 employment termination applications were lodged; the Commission settled 965 matters through conciliation; the Commission dismissed 75 matters at the pre-hearing stage; 425 matters were withdrawn prior to conciliation; the Commission issued 436 Certificates pursuant to s170CF(2); and of those matters proceeding to arbitration; 150 matters settled prior to orders, 24 matters were arbitrated and 223 matters were outstanding at the end of the reporting period.**