

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome **WORKPLACE AUTHORITY**

Question No. **EW494_09**

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Publication of Agreement Statistics and Collective Agreements

By what percentage has there been a decline in the number of monthly lodgements of (1) employee collective agreements; (2) union collective agreements; (3) union Greenfield agreements; and (4) employer Greenfield agreements, with the Workplace Authority since the introduction of the government's transitional legislation in early February 2008?

Answer

The Workplace Authority has provided the following response:

Tables 1 to 5 compare lodgement numbers by collective agreement type for each month from February 2008 to June 2008 to lodgement numbers from the same month in the previous year. The percentage increase or decrease in lodgement numbers is noted in each table.

Table 1

Agreement Type	Feb-07	Feb-08	Percentage Difference
Employee collective agreement	269	461	71%
Union collective agreement	216	245	13%
Employer greenfields agreement	52	27	-48%
Union greenfields agreement	16	27	69%

Table 2

Agreement Type	Mar-07	Mar-08	Percentage Difference
Employee collective agreement	330	624	89%
Union collective agreement	306	217	-29%
Employer greenfields agreement	45	41	-9%
Union greenfields agreement	18	27	50%

Table 3

Agreement Type	Apr-07	Apr-08	Percentage Difference
Employee collective agreement	316	337	7%
Union collective agreement	326	284	-13%
Employer greenfields agreement	56	41	-27%
Union greenfields agreement	11	22	100%

Table 4

Agreement Type	May-07	May-08	Percentage Difference
Employee collective agreement	410	318	-22%
Union collective agreement	327	276	-16%
Employer greenfields agreement	60	45	-25%
Union greenfields agreement	39	23	-41%

Table 5

Agreement Type	June-07	June-08	Percentage Difference
Employee collective agreement	346	321	-7%
Union collective agreement	296	246	-17%
Employer greenfields agreement	37	44	19%
Union greenfields agreement	43	17	-60%