

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

**Agency                      Workplace Ombudsman**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0252\_10**

Senator Marshall (Chair) asked on 2 June 2009, EEWL Hansard page 29.

**Question**

CHAIR—Can you remind me of the percentage of employers encountered who were ripping off their employees?

Mr Johns—I do not quite understand the statistic you are looking for.

CHAIR—I thought we found that, when you did that audit, something like 42 per cent of employers were ripping off their employees?

Mr Campbell—In the process of the hospitality campaign, we completed 571 audits and recovered \$700,000 for 2,171 workers. I do not have the number of employers that was recovered for, but I could get that information for you.

**Answer**

*The Workplace Ombudsman has provided the following response:*

Of the 571 finalised audits included in the Workplace Ombudsman's final report on the hospitality campaign, 189 (33%) employers were found to have breached the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*. This includes monetary and non-monetary breaches. 382 (67%) employers were compliant in terms of the parameters of the audit.