

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Agency - Fair Work Australia

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Senator Abetz asked on 31/05/2010, Hansard page 111.

Question

TAKE-HOME PAY APPLICATIONS

Mr Kovacic—So, in essence, the scenario that you allude to may be addressed through unions that are covered by one of the awards, being able to make an application on behalf of a class of employees. And indeed, the number of applications for take-home pay orders that have been made to date which total 19 does not suggest that there is a major issue out there—a flood of take-home pay applications. Ms Paul—There have been thousands and thousands of education sessions about the whole system. Senator ABETZ—Are any of those 19 applications multiple? Mr Kovacic—I do not have that level of detail but Fair Work Australia will be able to provide that for you.

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response:

One application for a take-home pay order is by the Australian Nursing Federation on behalf of nurses covered by the Nurses Award 2010 and employed in the residential aged care industry in Queensland and New South Wales.

The remaining 18 applications are from individual employees.