

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

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

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

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Senator Abetz asked on 1/06/2010, Hansard page 73.

Question

COLLECTING DUE WAGES

Senator ABETZ—That is a lot. Out of the \$1.25 million that you hold, for want of a better term, ‘in trust’, please tell us—and take this on notice—how much of that money has been unclaimed for three months, six months, nine months, 12 months and 24-plus months, if they are appropriate delineations. If you do it in six-month gaps, so be it; but, if you have some convenient delineation in which you can provide that to us, please provide that on notice. Mr Scully—I can give that information to you now, if you wish. Senator ABETZ—I do not need it now and time is going to tick on. If I could ask you to give me that information, that would be helpful in giving me an update.

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman has provided the following response.

0-90 days	\$0.083 million
91-180 days	\$0.065 million
180+ days	\$1.103 million

The Fair Work Ombudsman is in the process of running an unclaimed monies project to locate employees for whom the Fair Work Ombudsman has collected outstanding monies amounting to more than \$1000. These monies are currently being held by the Collector of Public Monies. This project commenced in April 2010 and has to date has located 42 employees and distributed \$85,033.55 in unclaimed monies.