

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

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

**Agency - Fair Work Australia**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0283\_11**

**Senator Abetz asked on 1/06/2010, Hansard page 108.**

**Question**

**LIST OF COMMISSION MEMBERS AND NUMBER OF CASES**

**Can we have a list of the commission members and the number of cases they have dealt with since 1 January; the category of case—let us say unfair dismissal, a collective agreement, full hearing or whether they sat on an appeal—and the outcome of each case—for example, whether the unfair dismissal application was accepted or rejected, and whether the collective agreement was approved or not approved. You can take that on notice.**

**Answer**

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response:

It is not administratively practical to compile such a list as individual cases may have been allocated to more than one Member. This may arise, for example, if a Member becomes unavailable – in this case, only an individual examination of each such matter would enable Fair Work Australia to ascertain whether or not only one Member dealt with the case. Additionally, other cases may have several members preside over different aspects of any particular matter eg an unfair dismissal application may have a Member conciliate the matter, another Member determine a jurisdictional objection and another Member a substantive arbitration. The provision of such a list also has the potential to improperly influence the conduct of proceedings before individual Members.