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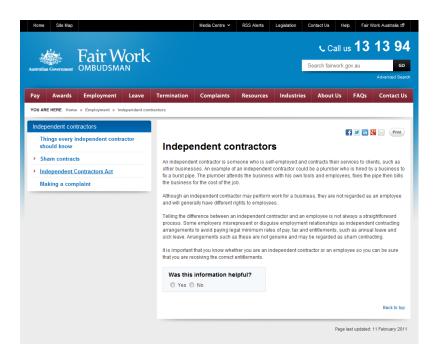
independent contractor tools and resources

Senator ABETZ: Yes, that is the term in the event that somebody might be dudded. But there is nothing here that suggests that the Fair Work Ombudsman might be, even in the slightest way, positively disposed to independent contracting or to assisting people to engage in independent contracting-a checklist to make sure that you are not being ripped off. Mr Wilson: I do not think that is correct. If you take a look at the website pages you will see that there are tools there which help people sort through how they can be an independent contractor. We will take on notice the exact pages and provide them to you.

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman provided the following response

Fair Work Online provides a dedicated section for independent contractors, accessible at: <u>http://www.fairwork.gov.au/employment/independent-</u><u>contractors/pages/default.aspx</u>



This page acts as a gateway, from which users can access the following additional information:

- Things every independent contractor should know
 <u>http://www.fairwork.gov.au/employment/independent-</u>
 <u>contractors/pages/things-every-independent-contractor-should-know.aspx</u>
- Sham contracts
 <u>http://www.fairwork.gov.au/employment/independent-contractors/sham-contracts/pages/default.aspx</u>
- Independent Contractors Act
 <u>http://www.fairwork.gov.au/employment/independent-</u>
 <u>contractors/independent-contractors-act/pages/default.aspx</u>
- Making a complaint
 <u>http://www.fairwork.gov.au/employment/independent-</u>
 <u>contractors/pages/making-a-complaint.aspx</u>

The Fair Work Ombudsman is currently in the process of developing further webbased material directed at assisting independent contractors.