



Australian Government

# Fair Work

## OMBUDSMAN

Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committees on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations  
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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary,

I am writing to you regarding a correction to information supplied in the recent Senate Estimates hearing.

On 28 May 2012, the Fair Work Ombudsman appeared before the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee for the Senate Estimates hearing. In response to questions about what enforcement actions have been taken by the agency in relation to sham contracting, the Fair Work Ombudsman advised that there were five active litigations. Please refer to Hansard, 28 May, page 52 where Mr Wilson said 'we presently have five active litigations'.

It has come to the attention of the Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman that this is incorrect. At the time of the hearing, the Fair Work Ombudsman was party to eight matters before the court involving allegations of sham contracting. I apologise for this error and any inconvenience caused.

If you would like to discuss this matter or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Sheridan White, Assistant Director – Government and Parliamentary Policy, on [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED]@fwo.gov.au. It would be appreciated if you could confirm with me when this correction is actioned.

Yours sincerely

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Fair Work Ombudsman  
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