

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

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

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

**FAIR WORK OMBUDSMAN SHARED INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME
(SIAP)**

Was Restaurant and Catering Australia successful in receiving funding under the SIAP? If not, why not? Please provide a list of criteria and the extent to which Restaurant and Catering Australia met or did not meet these criteria.

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman has provided the following response:

No. Restaurant and Catering Australia were not successful.

The Shared Industry Assistance Projects (SIAP) guidelines outline that all applications are commercial in confidence. Accordingly, it is inappropriate to release details of the applicants, their applications and the assessments of those applications without the applicant's consent to release that information.

Point 11 of the SIAP Guidelines for Applicants, which were provided to all organisations invited to apply for a SIAP grant, details the process to be followed if an organisation is dissatisfied with the way in which their application was handled.