

**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)**

Which organisation(s) were successful in receiving funding to provide education about the Fast Food Award and Hospitality Award under SIAP? How did these organisations meet the relevant criteria more appropriately than Restaurant and Catering Australia?

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman has provided the following response:

The National Retailers Association and the Australian Hotels Association were successful in receiving funding to provide education about the *Fast Food Industry Award 2010* and the *Hospitality Industry (General) Award 2010*, respectively.

The 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.

We can confirm that the SIAP program was conducted in accordance with the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines which govern the processes and procedures that are used by all Commonwealth Government Departments and Agencies conducting a grant program.

The Fair Work Ombudsman has offered debriefing sessions to all unsuccessful SIAP applicants in letters sent by the Fair Work Ombudsman. A number of organisations have taken up this offer whilst some applicants have not. This offer is still open to unsuccessful applicants.

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.