

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

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

Agency - Fair Work Australia

DEEWR Question No. EW0578_11

Senator Abetz asked on 20/10/2010, Hansard page 64.

Question

Senator ABETZ—Mr Giudice, last estimates, and unfortunately I do not have a copy of the Hansard with me, there was a discussion as to whether or not we could have a list of the number of the cases or matters that each commissioner dealt with. You considered that that might be inappropriate and might interfere with the judicial process. I will not pursue that further today, other than to draw your attention to the annual view of 2009 of the District Court of New South Wales where on page 28 it actually lists the acting judges and their sitting days. Sure, it does not deal with the number of cases or matters that they may have dealt with. So I am wondering whether we could refine the request to the number of days that each commissioner sat. Could you take that on notice and consider it. I do not expect an answer now, and given your concerns I would expect that you might want to consider that in detail. Mr Giudice—Thank you, Senator.

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response:

Fair Work Australia does not have any acting members and therefore the reporting practice of the District of New South Wales, referred to by Senator Abetz, is not a relevant consideration.