

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

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

**Agency - Fair Work Australia**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0581\_11**

**Senator Abetz asked on 20/10/2010, Hansard page 71.**

**Question**

**FWA - REGARDING EW0280\_11**

Senator ABETZ—That is fine. I will take you to question on notice EW0280\_11, where I asked about the number that were lodged before 1 January and how many are still awaiting their assessment et cetera. I was told: Of the 3,825 single enterprise applications lodged before 1 January 2010, 3,528 were finalised as at 30 June 2010. The median time taken from lodgment to finalisation was 48 days. I am just wondering how we are going with that. Are we getting them done quicker? I think we had a bit of a performance indicator suggested by the former minister—or two ministers ago now—Ms Gillard, that they were looking at, I think, seven days. So how are we going with the median time taken from lodgement? Mr Nassios—It has shortened since the time that question was answered. Senator ABETZ—Yes, from 48 to 20. Mr Nassios—As to what it may have been in the last three months, just bear with me. Senator ABETZ—If you do not have it to hand, take it on notice. Mr Nassios—I will take it on notice. Thank you.

**Answer**

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response:

For the period 1 July 2010 to 30 September 2010, the median time take from lodgement to finalisation of section 185 single-enterprise agreement applications was 22 days.