

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Agency - Fair Work Australia

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Senator Thistlewaite provided in writing.

Question

Right of Entry Disputes

How many disputes regarding right of entry have been brought before FWA in the last year? Were they taken by unions or employers or others? How were they settled (conciliation, arbitration etc.)?

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response:

In the 2010/2011 reporting period, there were 40 applications to FWA to deal with a right of entry dispute. 30 applications were made by unions and 10 by employers. During that reporting period, of the 51 right of entry disputes finalised, 45 disputes were otherwise resolved, adjourned indefinitely or withdrawn, the remaining six were determined by arbitration. Arising from arbitration, the Tribunal issued orders in three matters but declined to issue orders in the other three.