

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Agency - Fair Work Australia**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0599\_13**

**Senator Abetz asked on 17 October 2012 , Hansard page 25**

**Question**

**FWA - Report compliance**

Senator ABETZ: What percentage of the reports that were filed complied with your requirements? Ms Carruthers: I will have to take that on notice. Senator ABETZ: It was only about half, wasn't it? Ms Carruthers: Are you referring to the statistic in the annual report? Senator ABETZ: I think so. Was it 54 per cent or something? Ms Carruthers: I would need to look at the statistic to see what that specific statistic related to, because there are some statistics that concern lodgement within the prescribed time frame, which is a different to, once the document has been lodged, then examining it to determine whether it complies with accounting standards. Senator ABETZ: That is a fair distinction to make. Are you able to split those two are up for me or not? Ms Carruthers: I cannot off the top of my head now, but I can certainly take it on notice. Senator ABETZ: Take that on notice.

**Answer**

*Fair Work Australia has provided the following response.*

The 54% statistic to which Senator Abetz is referring and which appears in the 2011/2012 FWA Annual Report concerns the percentage of financial reports that were examined by FWA staff for compliance with reporting requirements within the 28 calendar day KPI.

In the 2011-12 year, 82% of registered organisations lodged their financial report with FWA within prescribed timeframes. Of the 18% that remained outstanding, 6% were lodged within 1 month of being due and a further 3% were lodged between 1 and 3 months late.